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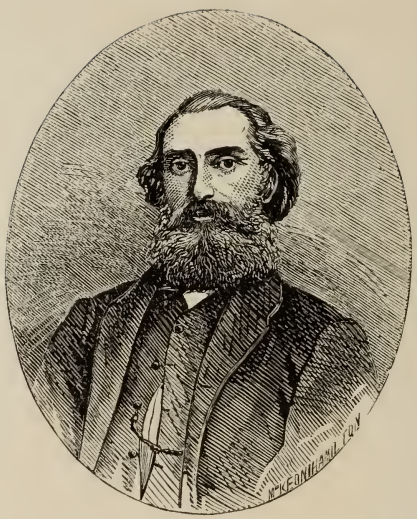

Yours fraternally

Thos. R. Harris

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

AT THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD AT

THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT, C. W., ON THE SECOND TUESDAY

THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, A. L., 5865, A. D., 1865.

Ordered to be read in all the Chapters and preserved.

ADDRESS:

THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, OTTAWA, GRAND Z.
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, GRAND SCRIBE E.

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Grand Chapter of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, at the Town of Prescott, on Tuesday the 8th day of August, A.L., 5865, A.D., 1865.

PRESENT:

M.E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand Z.	Grand Council.
R. " "	Samuel D. Fowler, as	" H.	
" " "	Chas. D. Macdonnell,	" J.	

On the Throne.

R. " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	Grand Scribe E.
" "	Isaac H. Stearns,	" " N.
" " "	L. H. Henderson, as	" Prin'l Sojourner.
" " "	Thomas McCraken,	" Treasurer.
" " "	Henry Dumble,	" Registrar.
" "	Henry A. Sims, as	" 1st As't Sojourner
" "	John Clarke, as	" 2nd " "
" "	Joseph J. Curran, as	" Sword Bearer.
" "	A. G. Smyth, as	" Standard "
" "	A. S. Kirkpatrick, as	" Dir. of Ceremon's.
V. " "	Wm. M. Jamieson,	" Organist.
" " "	Stanis. H. Blondheim,	" Pursuivant.
	and as	" Janitor.
" " "	Angus Grant,	Grand Stewards.
" " "	John W. Murton,	
" "	George M. Wilkinson, as	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	James Seymour,	Hamilton	District.
" " "	Edward J. Barker,	Central	"
" " "	Thomas Milton,	Montreal	"

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	P. G. Z.
" " "	John C. Franck,	P. G. Z.
R. " "	S. D. Fowler,	P. G. H.
" " "	Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore,	P. G. H.
" " "	Wm. B. Simpson,	P. G. J.
V. " "	Manuel Northrop,	P. G. S. B.
" " "	George En Earl,	P. G. S.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample form.

The Grand Scribe E. having examined the Register, reported the following Representatives from regular chartered Chapters, present, and entitled to take part in the business of Grand Chapter, viz:

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. S. D. Fowler, Z. and P.G.H.
" " Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, H.
" " Geo. M. Wilkinson, J.
" " " W. B. Simpson, P.Z. and P.G.H.
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, " and G.J.

No. 2. THE HIRAM, HAMILTON.

E. Comp. Joseph J. Curran, H.
R. " " Thomas B. Harris, P.Z. and G.S.E.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S, LONDON.

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Z. and P.G.Z.
" " A. G. Smyth, P.H.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S, HAMILTON.

V.E. Comp. John W. Murton, Z. and G. Steward.
R. " " Thos. B. Harris, P.Z. and G.S.E.
" " " Thos. McCraken, P.Z. and G. Treas.

No. 7. MORIA, BELLEVILLE.

R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, P.Z., P.G.R., (proxy.)

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S, TORONTO.

V. E. Comp. George En Earl, (proxy), P.G. Steward.

No. 12. CATARAQUI, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. E. J. Barker, P.Z. and G. Sup.
" " " Henry Dumble, P.Z. and G.R.
V. " " Stanislaus H. Blondheim, P.H. and G.P.
R. " " C. D. Macdonnell, G.J.

No. 13. STADACONA, QUEBEC.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, G.Z.

No. 15. WAWANOSH, SARNIA.

V.E. Comp. Wm. M. Jamieson, Z. and G. O.

No. 16. CARLETON, OTTAWA.

E. Comp. Henry A. Sims, H.
" R. Leslie.
R. " " W. J. B. McLeod Moore, P.Z. and P.G.H.

No. 18. OXFORD, WOODSTOCK.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)

No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH, ST. CATHARINES.

R.E. Comp. James Seymour, P.Z. and G. Sup. (proxy.)

No. 20. MOUNT HOREB, BRANTFORD.

R.E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, (proxy.)

No. 21. CARNARVON, MONTREAL.

E. Comp. Isaac H. Stearns, J.
M. " " J. C. Franck, P.G.Z.
V. " " Angus Grant, G. Steward.

No. 22. GRENVILLE, PRESCOTT.

V. E. Comp. Manuel Northrop, P.Z. and P.G. Steward.
" " R. Waugh, J.
" A. G. Macdonnell.
" John Montgomery.

No. 23. EZRA, SIMCOE.

E. Comp. John Clarke, Z.

No. 25. MOUNT HOREB, MONTREAL.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Milton, Z. and G. Super.

On motion it was resolved—

That the report of the G. S. E. on representatives be received and adopted.

The M. E. Z. granted leave for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by E. Comp. I. H. Stearns, and resolved—

That inasmuch as the proceedings at the regular Convocation of Grand Chapter, held at the City of Quebec, on the 9th day of August, A. D., 1864, have been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Chapters, the minutes of the said Convocation be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. Z. read the following address to the assembled Companions:

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

COMPANIONS:

I open our Eighth Annual Convocation in accordance with custom, chiefly for the purpose of expressing the pleasure I feel in again greeting you in Grand Chapter assembled, for

really and truly my official duties have been so light during the past year, as almost to render unnecessary any formal Address.

Some familiar and respected faces are missing,—Some true Members of our Order have succumbed to our inevitable destiny since last we met; but we, who have been spared for further usefulness let us hope, have the privilege and comfort of believing that their end was peaceful, that their summons was obeyed with calmness and fortitude, and that they have departed, in all faith, for that home of "Light," which, the Volume of the Sacred Law reveals; "has, no need of the Sun, neither of the Moon to shine in it, for the Glory of God lightens it,"—that G.A.O.T.U. to whom our earnest thanks and praises are due, for the many blessings He has vouchsafed to us.

Though not connected with our order, I think this a proper and appropriate place, and deem it my duty to announce to you the lamented decease of the Honorable Sir Etienne Paschal Tache, lately the honored and respected Premier of our common country. All must feel this loss to Canada of a very old and valuable public man, and a gentleman of sterling truth and integrity. He died full of years and deserved honors, and at peace with his Maker and his fellow men.

I have reason to believe that our subordinate Chapters are prospering, and working in harmony. I have granted a Dispensation for a new Chapter, called "St. Mark's," to be holden at Trenton, the petition for which came to me properly recommended, and I commend its confirmation by Warrant of Grand Chapter. The Grand Superintendents will furnish all necessary details of the progress of the Royal Art in their respective districts.

I am happy to say that I know of no existing differences with any one of our Sister Grand Bodies—all their proceedings received, and in the keeping of the Grand Scribe E., evince the most kindly feeling,—a feeling which is warmly reciprocated.—I wish I could thus early present you a Report on Foreign Correspondence, but I fear that the talent and industry of our excellent companion Seymour, to whose care I wished to entrust this work, are at present lost to us. I am sure Grand Chapter will unite

with me in expressing our sincere regret, that the health and strength of one, who has never spared himself when work was to be performed, has been sadly shaken.

I have, as I did last year, granted several Dispensations, sanctioning special elections of Principals, having been first convinced of the necessity of according to the several applications, in order to enable the Chapters to continue working, and for the promotion of their internal harmony and well-being.

Your Treasurer and Grand Scribe E., will as usual afford you full financial information. I believe there are no particular claims to be met, and am happy again to report the payment of a portion of the arrears of salary due to that very painstaking and excellent officer, Companion Thos. B. Harris. And here I may mention the narrow escape from destruction by fire of Grand Chapter Records, &c., but fortunately the actual damage done was trifling. though the Grand Scribe E. states that they look prematurely ancient. He suggests the purchase of a safe for the proper keeping of valuable papers, and I submit his very proper suggestion to you for consideration.

In accordance with the Resolution of Grand Chapter, adopted at our last Annual Convocation, that really important work, the revision of the *Constitution,* has been effected, and the proposed alterations have been printed and forwarded to each Chapter. Much care was taken to render it complete by your Committee, and no longer dependent upon Craft-Masonry, and their Report now awaits your decision.

I have, under your authority, decided upon the form of a Certificate for the intermediate degrees of Mark-Master, Past-Master, and Most Excellent Master, and it is in the hands of Right Excellent Companion Stevenson, your respected Grand H. for completion.

I have no other special business to which to invite your consideration, and will only further occupy your time by alluding to two subjects of congratulation.

The first is the birth of a second son to their R. H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, affording more happiness to our

Queen, and beloving subjects, of whom it is our pride to form a portion. I am sure you will, with me again wish continuous felicity to the Illustrious Parents and unite with heart and voice in the National Prayer, "God Save our Queen."

My second subject of congratulation is the restoration of peace in the United States, and a return to friendly relations, so long interrupted, between *all* our Brethren and Companions, citizens of that powerful and important Republic. In all the proceedings I have had the pleasure of studying, there is a general expression of satisfaction amongst Freemasons at the changed condition of affairs, and let us hope now, that the demon of discord and civil war, the worst of scourges, will be banished, and that men w look their fellow men in the face as they should do, without wishing to take from each other, what they never did or could give *life* and *light*.

In conclusion, I beg sincerely to thank the several Grand Superintendents, and Officers of Grand Chapter for their services and valuable aid to me, thereby making matters work altogether in harmony, and may the blessings of God be upon us and our common country !—*So mote it be !*

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Grand Z.

PRESCOTT, 8th August, 1865.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the address of the M. E. Z. be referred to the following special Committee, viz:—R. E. Comps. E. J. Barker, and James Seymour, and E. Comp. John Clarke, to report thereon at an early hour.

The Grand Scribe E. read a letter he had received from R. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, expressing regret for his unavoidable absence from this Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The following reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were read, viz:—

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the M. E. the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Chapter of Canada:

As Grand Superintendent of the London District, and in accordance with the Constitutional requirement, I have pleasure in submitting a brief report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry within my District.

The Chapters in the District are, in number, the same as reported last year, namely, three. I went to Sarnia on the 13th January last, with the intention of visiting the "Wawanosh" Chapter, No. 15; but on my arrival there I ascertained that a Chapter could not be opened for the reason that all the Principals were from home, and the notice I had previously sent of my contemplated visit, had not been received. I have, however, had an opportunity of conversing with V. E. Comp. W. M. Jamieson, the First Principal Z. of said Chapter, and it has enabled me to state that the "Wawanosh" Chapter is progressing most satisfactory.

"St. George's" Chapter, No. 5, London, under the management of that enthusiastic and warm-heart Mason, M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, is in a flourishing condition, as likewise is "Tecumseh" Chapter, No. 24, over which I have the honor to preside.

The members of these Chapters have no other feeling than that of pride in striving who can best work, and best agree.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES KAHN,
Grand Sup., London District

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Chapter of Canada:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, I beg leave to submit my report, as Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, on the condition of Capitular Masonry therein during the year now about to expire. In that period nothing of special moment has transpired to mar the harmony and steady onward progress recorded in times past. The three Chapters comprising the District have pursued the even tenor of their way, faithfully discharging their duties, and laboring with commendable zeal to build up that moral edifice, the perfection of which is the strength and glory of the Royal Art.

Indifferent health has prevented me from visiting the Hamilton Chapters as frequently as I would like to have done; but this has happily been rendered of little consequence, through the ability and attention to duty of the Officers governing them.

With the view of completing their furniture, they have procured a very handsome set of Tribular Banners, richly embroidered on silk, which, not only beautify and adorn their chastely fitted-up Chapter-Room, but also renders their work more impressive in the historical lecture. When they add the Standard and Division Banners, which they contemplate doing in the same style at an early day, these Chapters will be able to boast of possessing the most thorough outfit of any in Canada

It is with deep regret that I record the death of R. E. Comp. Wm. Bellhouse, for years an active member of this Grand Chapter, and a zealous, worthy Mason, whose loss is deplored by all who enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance.—Always ready to do his duty in whatever sphere he might be called upon to act, generous and sympathetic in his nature, many will miss the genial warmth of his friendly greeting at our assemblages, and drop a heart-felt tear to keep his memory in perpetual remembrance.

The project of establishing a new Chapter at Grimsby, to which I referred in my last Report, has not yet been matured,

owing to circumstances not necessary to be stated here; but I trust that ere another year rolls round, the Companions there will be enabled to evercome these hindrances, and complete their organization.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. SEYMOUR,
G. Supt., H. D.

St. Catharines,
1st August, A.L., 2395.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Chapter of Canada :

The year of office to which I was appointed, that of G. Supt. of R. A. M., for the Central District, has passed off with little incident that requires report. I have not done much while filling this office, but I have been asked to do several things which I was compelled to decline, not having the power to perform them. The "Carleton" Chapter, of Ottawa, asked me to grant a Dispensation to allow a Companion who was not an Installed Master of a Symbolic Lodge, to take one of the Chairs. I was asked by the "Grenville" Chapter, to grant a Dispensation to allow a Companion who had not taken the Third Chair to be installed into the Second Chair, and I was asked to grant a Dispensation to certain Companions residing in and about Trenton, to form a Chapter of R. A. Masons in this Town. The former two applications I referred to the Most Excellent Z., the third I sent to the Right Excellent Scribe E., of the results I have not been informed.

During my year of office, I visited the "Ancient Frontenac" Chapter, at Kingston, and inspected its work, and I also visited the "Cataraqui" Chapter, in the same city, inspected the work, and installed the Officers elect. I was greatly pleased with the working of both Chapters, particularly with that of the "Ancient Frontenac" Chapter, which I highly commend.

Had my private avocations permitted, I would have visited the more distant Chapters in my District, but this I found incompatible with the daily duties of my business. The travelling expenses of a Grand Superintendent of R. A. Masonry are also sufficiently large to prevent any but a rich man to visit all the Chapters under his charge, I humbly submit to the consideration of Grand Chapter, the propriety of their travelling expenses being defrayed, either from the funds of Grand Chapter, or made up from the fund of the Chapter which the Grand Superintendent may visit. Unable to visit the town of Belleville, there to instal the First Principal and other officers of the "Moira" Chapter, the First Principal elect, Rt. Ex. Companion M. Crombie, came purposely to Kingston, and I duly installed him First Principal Z. at a special council of First Principals.

A case of severe distress has recently occurred in Kingston. Ex. Companion Past 1st Principal Milo, a long and highly valued Mason, has had the misfortune to be burnt out, (for the sixth time,) and has lost heavily in House, Furniture, and Clothing. Owing to age and the competition of younger men in his trade of a painter, he is in very reduced circumstances. He is a worthy good man and deserving of assistance from the Craft at large. In bringing his case before Grand Chapter, I do it under the hope that some means may be devised by which material assistance in his old age may be given to him.

All of which is humbly submitted.

EDW. J. BARKER,
Grand Supt., C. D.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council & Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada :

In accordance with the constitutional rule of Grand Chapter, I beg to submit a brief report of the state of Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

The District of Montreal contains within its limits, but two Royal Arch Chapters which acknowledge the jurisdiction of the

Grand Chapter of Canada, namely, the "Carnarvon" Chapter, No. 21, presided over by the Grand H., R. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, and the "Mount Horeb" Chapter, No. 25, of which I have the honor to be First Principal. Of the "Carnarvon" Chapter, I consider it would be out of place for me to make any remarks, unless to say that it is in excellent working order, and prospering as all institutions must prosper when under such good government.

The "Mount Horeb" Chapter has been in existence only about eighteen months, and if it has advanced slowly compared to other Chapters, it has advanced steadily and surely, and is now in a prosperous and good working condition. The election of Officers of this Chapter is appointed for the second Wednesday in April, some time previous to the last election of officers, I was requested by a number of the Members to petition the Most Excellent Grand Z., to grant them permission to elect to the office of second Principal H. a Companion who had not served the office of third Principal J., which permission the Most Excellent Z. was pleased to grant, together with a Dispensation empowering me to instal said Companion, if elected. The Companion was elected by an almost unanimous vote of the Chapter, was duly installed and I am happy to say that the Chapter is greatly benefited by the indulgence.

I am requested by the members of "Mount Horeb" Chapter, to express in Grand Chapter, their gratitude to R.E. Companion A. A. Stevenson, E. Companion I. H. Stearns, and other members of "Carnarvon" Chapter for instruction and assistance rendered by them to "Mount Horeb" Chapter while it was in its infancy, and to assure them that their perfect working, fraternal bearing, and praiseworthy conduct in endeavoring to teach the work adopted by the Grand Chapter of Canada, has given a healthy tone to the working of the Chapter, and shall continue to be carefully *followed.*

All which is most respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MILTON,
Grand Superintendent
Montreal District.

MONTREAL, 7th August, 1865.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS' DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

In accordance with the requirements of the Grand Chapter, I have the honor of submitting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Eastern Townships' District.

The number of Chapters continues nominally three.

"Golden Rule" still follows the same work as previously reported, continues to prosper, but does not show the same marked improvement this year that I had the honor to mention in my last report.

"Bedford District" has had no convocation, I believe, for more than three years, and never has conferred the Royal Arch Degree.

"Dorchester" is in a flourishing condition, adding slowly, but steadily to its numbers, and exercising great care in the ballot.

I regret to report the death of one of its members, my brother Edward Robinson, who died Nov. 4th, 1864, and was buried with Masonic honors, by "Shefford" Lodge.

The whole respectfully submitted,

H. L. ROBINSON,
Grand Sup., E. T. D.

Waterloo, C. E., 31st July, 1865.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by E. Comp. George M. Wilkinson, and resolved—

That the reports of the Grand Superintendents be received and referred to the following special Committee for consideration, viz :—R. E. Comps. S. D. Fowler and L. H. Henderson, and E. Comp. I. H. Stearns.

It was ordered that the reports of Grand Superintendents of such Districts not yet received be printed with the Proceedings.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.E. Comp. E. J. Barker, and resolved—

That the following named Companions be a Special Committee on Audit and Finance, viz:—E. Comp. H. A. Sims, R. E. Comp. Thomas Milton and E. Comp. George M. Wilkinson.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted and read the following Annual Statements, as also those of the Grand Treasurer, which were received and referred to the Special Committee on Audit and Finance.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Dr. THOMAS B. HARRIS, G. S. E., *in Account with Grand Chapter.* *Cr.*

							$	c.
1864.								
November	10—	To Cash,	Carnarvon Chapter,		No.	21..	41	30
December	2—	"	St. George's	"	"	5..	9	00
"	9—	"	Moria	"	"	7..	6	00
"	9—	"	Stadacona	"	"	13..	137	50
"	21—	"	"	"	"	13..	3	20
1865.								
March	2—	"	The Hiram	"	"	2..	24	20
April	14—	"	Golden Rule	"	"	9..	25	00
"	26—	"	Oxford	"	"	18..	17	70
May	5—	"	Tesumseh	"	"	24..	45	60
"	9—	"	Mount Horeb	"	"	20..	13	20
"	12—	"	St. George's	"	"	5..	6	50
"	13—	"	St. John's	"	"	6..	27	40
June	7—	"	Oxford	"	"	18..	18	00
"	3—	"	Golden Rule	"	"	9..	25	00
"	15—	"	St. Andrew's	"	"	4..	2	00
July	7—	"	Mount Moriah	"	"	19..	23	60
"	17—	"	St. Marks	"	"	U.D..	40	00
"	17—	"	Cataraqui	"	"	12..	19	20
							$484	40

				$	c.
1865.					
January	—By Grand Treasurer		.....	120	50
March	27— "	"	.....	27	40
July	21— "	"	.....	45	92
"	22— "	"	.....	290	50
				$484	40

Audited, 8th August, 1865. H. A. SIMS, *Chairman.*

Dr. THOMAS MCCRAKEN, *Grand Treasurer, in Account with Grand Chapter.* *Cr.*

		$ c.			$ c.
1864.			1864.		
August 9	—To balance from Treasurer	19 74	August 30	—By Gillespy, for Printing	60 50
1865.			Decem'r 8	— " Ellis "	60 00
January —	" Cash, Grand Scribe E.	120 50	1865.		
May 27	— " " " "	27 40	July 21	— " Francis Richardson's Account	45 92
July 21	— " " " "	45 92	" 27	— " Grand Scribe E., on account	300 00
" 22	— " " " "	290 58		" Balance	37 72
		$504 14			$504 14
August 4	— To Balance	$37 72			

Audited, 8th August, 1865. H. A. SIMS, *Chairman.*

BALANCES IN LEDGER,

AUGUST, 1865.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	DATE OF LAST RETURN.	DUE.
1	Ancient Frontenac, Kingston	31st January, 1864	$37 60
2	The Hiram, Hamilton	" " 1865	2 00
4	St. Andrew's, Toronto	" " 1863	23 40
5	St. George's, London	" " 1865	00 00
6	St. John's, Hamilton	" " 1865	00 00
7	Moria, Belleville	" " 1864	1 00
8	King Solomon's, Toronto	" " 1864	89 40
9	Golden Rule, Stanstead	" " 1865	22 60
12	Cataraqui, Kingston	30th June, 1865	00 00
13	Stadacona, Quebec	6th December, 1864	00 00
14	Dedford District, Dunham	29th July, 1859	10 75
15*	Wawanosh, Sarnia	31st January, 1864	00 00
16*	Carleton, Ottawa	" " 1864	00 00
17*	Dorchester, Waterloo	" " 1864	00 00
18	Oxford, Woodstock	" " 1865	00 00
19	Mount Moriah, St. Catharines	" " 1865	2 40
20	Mount Horeb, Brantford	" " 1865	00 00
21	Carnarvon, Montreal	30th June, 1864	1 00
22	Grenville, Prescott	19th June, 1865	49 00
23*	Ezra, Simcoe	20th July, 1862	10 00
24	Tecumseh, Stratford	31st January, 1865	6 50
25*	Mount Horeb, Montreal	12th July, 1865	64 10
			319 75

R.E. Comp. James Seymour, Chairman of Committee, informed Grand Chapter that a report on Foreign Correspondence was being prepared and would be ready in time to be printed with the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, and resolved—

That the proposed revision of the Constitution, submitted by the Grand Council be received, and the same be considered clause by clause.

* Chapters Marked thus (*) have since paid up.

The following notices of motion were given for the place of holding the Annual Convocation in 1866: by

R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, St. Catharines.
V. " " Wm. M. Jamieson, Ottawa.
R. " " E. J. Barker, Kingston.
M. " " J. C. Franck, Montreal.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sitting at 3.15 o'clock, p. m.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z.
R. " " S. D. Fowler, as " H.
" " " Charles D. Macdonnell, " J.

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The consideration, clause by clause, of the proposed revision of the Constitution was taken up and progress made.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 7.30 o'clock, p. m.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z.
R. " " S. D. Fowler, as " H.
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, " J.

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The revision of the Constitution was, after mature consideration, finally agreed to, as follows :—

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

Order of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

REVISED BY GRAND CHAPTER, 8th DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 1865, A.I., 2395.

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

I. The Style and Title of the Grand Chapter shall be "*The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada,*" and the members shall rank in the following order :—

The Grand Z.
Past " "
The " H.
Past " "
The " J
Past " "
Grand Superintendent, London District.
" " Wilson "
" " Huron "

Grand Superintendent, Hamilton District.
" " Toronto "
" " Ontario "
" " Prince Edward "
" " Central "
" " Montreal "
" " E. Townships "
" " Quebec "

Past Grand Superintendents of Districts, in the same order of precedence.

Grand Scribe, E.
" " N.

Past Grand Scribes, E. and N.

Grand Principal Sojourner.
Past " "

Grand Treasurer.
Past "

Grand Registrar.
Past "

Grand First Assistant Sojourner.
Past " " "
Grand Second " "
Past " " "

Grand Sword Bearer.
Past " "

Grand Standard Bearer.
Past " "

Grand Director or Ceremonies.
Past " "

Grand Organist.
Past "

Grand Pursuivant.
Past "

Grand Stewards.
Past "

The Three Principals of every subordinate Chapter.

Past Z., H., and J. of every subordinate Chapter, being subscribing members to some regular Chapter.

Grand Janitor.

N. B.—All First and Past First Grand Principals are styled "*Most Excellent;*" all other elective Grand and Past Grand Officers are styled "*Right Excellent,*" and all appointed and past appointed Grand Officers are styled "*Very Excellent.*" The Grand Janitor is styled "*Companion.*"

II. The Officers of Grand Chapter shall be respectively elected or appointed, as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed, and installed.

The election and appointment of all officers shall take place at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, when they shall be duly installed and invested in ancient form.

III. The following Officers shall be nominated for election and if more than one Companion be nominated, the election between them shall be decided by ballot, viz :

The Most Excellent Grand Z.
" Right Excellent, " H.
" " " " J.
" " " " Scribes, E. and N.
" " " " Principal Sojourner.
" " " " Treasurer.
" " " " Registrar.

But were only one nomination takes place the ballot is unnecessary.

By an open vote of the Grand Chapter,—
The Grand Janitor.

By a majority of the Representatives of the Chapters of their respective Districts present at the Annual Convocation, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Z.—

The Right Excellent the Grand Superintendents of Districts.

IV. The following officers shall be appointed by the Grand Z.

The V. E. Grand First Assistant Sojourner.
" " " Second Assistant Sojourner.
" " " Sword Bearer.

The V. E. Grand Standard Bearer.
" " " Director of Ceremonies.
" " " Organist.
" " " Pursuivant.
Four " " Stewards.

V. The elective officers, except the Janitor, shall require a majority of all the votes present. The elective officers must be First or Past First Principals and the other Officers, except the Janitor, Principals, or Past Principals of a Chapter.

VI. Should neither of the representative officers, nor a Past Z. of a Chapter, attend any Convocation of the Grand Chapter, such Chapter, by a vote properly certified by the First Principal and Scribe E., under seal, may delegate any Companion entitled to a seat in the Grand Chapter to represent their Chapter, but no Companion can represent more than three Chapters.

VII. Every Companion elected or appointed to office in the Grand Chapter, shall, during his period of office, be a subscribing member to some regular subordinate Chapter; and any Past Grand officer or member, who shall for twelve months continuously cease to be a subscribing member to some subordinate Chapter, shall be disqualified from attending the Grand Chapter —such disqualification to continue until he shall have again become, and continue to be, a subscribing member to some regular subordinate Chapter.

VIII. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Z. shall nominate a qualified Companion to supply the place *pro tempore*. But no officer can resign his office after he has been installed and invested; nor can he be removed except for cause which appears to the Grand Chapter, to be sufficient, to be ascertained by the votes of the majority of members present, on complaint laid before it by the Grand Z., in which case another must be elected or appointed in his stead, as the case may be. This includes the Grand Janitor.

IX. The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the second Tuesday in August, at which the place of

holding the next Convocation shall be decided. None bu members shall be present without the permission of the presiding officer.

X. The Grand Z. may convene Grand Chapters of Emergency when necessary. The reason for convening a Grand Chapter of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting. In all cases where summonses are issued whether by Grand or Private Chapter, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given

XI. No officer or member shall be permitted to attend in Grand Chapter without his proper clothing and jewel.

XII. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall, at every meeting of the Grand Chapter, attend without the entrance for the purpose of guarding under the superintendance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, and have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

XIII. If at any Grand Chapter, stated or occasional, any of the Grand Principals be absent, the Chairs shall be filled by the Grand Officers next in rank and seniority who may be present, provided they be installed Present or Past First Principals of any regular subordinate Chapter. And if no such Grand Officer be present, then by the First Principals of Chapters, according to seniority, and the powers of any such *pro tempore* presiding officers shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him.

The Grand Chapter is declared opened in *Ample Form* when the Grand Z. is present, at all other times in *Due Form*, but with the same authority.

XIV. An annual report of the transactions of the Grand Chapter, with an account of the funds and property belonging to it, shall be printed without delay, and one copy thereof transmitted to every Officer of the Grand Chapter, and two copies to

every subordinate Chapter, immediately after the general Convocation in August.

XV. In the Grand Chapter alone resides the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Royal Arch, and of altering, amending, repealing and abrogating them. The Grand Chapter has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relating to the Royal Arch, and the Intermediate Degrees, and to subordinate Chapters and individual Companions; which it may exercise either of itself, or by such delegated authority as it may appoint; but in the Grand Chapter alone resides the power of erasing Chapters and expelling Companions from this order of Freemasonry.

XVI. When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Grand Chapter shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion, and the circumstances relating thereto, being communicated to it by the Grand Z., proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch-Masonic functions for the period whilst such Craft suspension or expulsion continues in force. But he shall not, neither shall any Companion, under any circumstances, be suspended or expelled, until he shall have been summoned to show cause, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced, and afforded every opportunity of defending himself, either in Grand Chapter as aforesaid, or before other duly constituted authority.

XVII. Should any Chapter have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Chapter, for more than one year, the representatives of such Chapter shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Chapter until such returns and payment shall have been completed.

XVIII. No Companion shall be qualified or permitted to attend Grand Chapter as Principal or Past Principal, unless and until his name and appointment shall have been transmitted to the Grand Scribe E.

XIX. Companions of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may by a vote of the Grand

Chapter be constituted members of the Grand Chapter, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

To be read at every Convocation thereof.

I. The Grand Chapter being opened, and the Regulations having been read, the Minutes of the last Annual Convocation, and of any intervening Grand Chapter, are then to be put for confirmation; and any communication from the Grand Principals, or either of them, and reports from the Grand Superintendents of Districts and any Committee, shall be read and taken into consideration; after which, the other business shall be regularly proceeded with.

II. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, except where a ballot is enacted or demanded; each Officer and member of the Grand Chapter, (except the Grand Janitor) shall have one vote, and the presiding Officer, in case of equality, a casting vote; unless the Grand Chapter, for the sake of expedition, shall think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the presiding Officer. The votes of the Members are to be signified by each holding out one of his hands, which hands the Grand Scribes are to count, unless the presiding Officer shall declare the numbers so unequal as to render the counting unnecessary. No visitor shall on any occasion be permitted to vote.

III. Any member may demand a ballot on any question, either before or immediately after an open vote shall have been taken. In all matters to be decided by ballot, each Chapter shall have three votes, and each officer (except the Janitor) and member, not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote, and (except where otherwise provided) in case of equality, the presiding Officer shall have a casting vote. The Grand Scribes shall act as Scrutineers.

IV. Whenever the presiding Officer shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

V. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Scribes, the Grand Principal Sojourner and his Assistants, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

VI. No Companion shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, and no visitor shall speak to any question, unless requested or permitted to do so by the presiding Officer.

VII. Every Companion who speaks shall rise and remain standing addressing himself to the presiding Officer; and no Companion shall interrupt him, except to speak to order, or the presiding Officer to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observes due order and decorum.

VIII. If any Member shall have been twice called to order by the presiding Officer and shall, nevertheless, be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the presiding Officer may command him forthwith to quit the Grand Chapter, and he shall not be again admitted to that Convocation.

IX. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a Companion, or at what he has said, shall be forthwith solemnly excluded the Convocation, and declared incapable of being a Member of any Grand Chapter till, at another Grand Convocation, he publicly own his fault and grace be granted.

X. No motion for the repeal or alteration of any existing law, or for the introduction of a new one, shall be made, without notice being given in a previous Grand Chapter. And no repeal, alteration or addition shall be valid unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

XI. No motion on any new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon after eleven o'clock at night.

OF GRAND OFFICERS.

I. The Grand Z., after his installation, at the annual Convocation, shall nominate such Grand Officers as it is his perogative to appoint, who, with the elective Grand Officers, are to be thereupon installed and invested in ancient form.

II. Should the Grand Z. die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties, the immediate Past First Grand Principal shall act until the next election takes place. Should he decline or be unable to act, the last but one, and so on; but if no former Grand Z. be found to act, the Grand Chapter shall be summoned by the Grand H., or in his absence, by the Grand J., to elect a new Grand Z.

III. The Grand Z., under the sanction of the Grand Chapter, may, by warrant, appoint any Companion of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Chapter in a sister Grand Chapter; he may also constitute the Representative of a sister Grand Chapter, a member of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with such rank as the Grand Chapter may deem to be appropriate.

IV. The Grand Principals, or either of them, may preside in any Chapter they may visit.

V. The Grand Z. may summon any Chapter or Companion to attend him, and may order the production of the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Chapter. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons shall be repeated as a peremptory one, and if such last summons be not attended to, the offending Chapter or Companion may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Grand Chapter for further consideration, and punishment if deemed necessary.

VI. The Grand Z. shall not be applied to officially concerning Royal Arch Companions or Masonry, except through the Grand Scribe E., or Grand Superintendents of Districts. But this shall not refer to the Grand Principals H. and J., who can communicate direct.

VII. The Grand Z. has the sole power to grant dispensations;

except for public festivals or processions, authority for which may be granted by any of the Grand Principals or Grand Superintendents of Districts.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

I. This officer must be an installed First Principal or a Past First Principal, and a resident in the District for which he is appointed.

II. He may preside in every Chapter he visits within his District, unless the Grand Principals, or either of them, be present.

III. He may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Chapters or individual Companions within his District, and may proceed to admonition, or to suspension. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his decision, is to be transmitted to the Grand Z., through the Grand Scribe E., and when the case is of so flagrant a nature, as in the judgment of the Grand Superintendent of the District to require the erasure of a Chapter, or the expulsion of a Companion, he shall make a special report to the Grand Chapter with his opinion thereon. His decision is final unless an appeal is made therefrom to the Grand Z. or Grand Chapter.

IV. He may summon any Chapter or Companion within his District to attend him, and may order the production of the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Chapter.

If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and, in case of contumacy, he may suspend the offending Chapter or Companion, and shall report the case as before provided.

V. All petitions for warrants must be recommended and duly signed by the Grand Superintendent of the District prior to their transmission to the Grand Scribe E., whose duty it shall be to see that such recommendation and signature are duly attached to each petition.

VI. He shall transmit to the Grand Scribe E. at least fourteen days prior to each annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, a report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in his District, with a list of such Chapters as may have been constituted since the last annual Convocation, for the information of the Grand Chapter.

VII. He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Chapter from place to place within his District, but not from his District into another, nor from another District into his own without the sanction of the Grand Z.

VIII. He may grant dispensations for festivals or public processions in his District.

OF GRAND SCRIBES E. AND N.

I. All ministerial duties usually known as appertaining, and all privileges attached to the office of Grand Scribe, are to be performed and enjoyed exclusively by the Grand Scribe E. His duties in the Grand Chapter being similar to those of a Grand Secretary of a Grand Lodge.

II. The Grand Scribe N. shall assist the Grand Scribe E., during the business of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and temporarily perform his duties should the Grand Scribe E. be rendered incapable by sickness, absence from the Province or otherwise.

OF GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER, TREASURER, REGISTRAR, FIRST AND SECOND ASSISTANT SOJOURNERS, SWORD BEARER, STANDARD BEARER, DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ORGANIST, PURSUIVANT, STEWARDS AND JANITOR.

I. The duties of the above Officers of the Grand Chapter speak for themselves, except that the Grand Principal Sojourner, and his assistants, act in the Grand Chapter as Grand Deacons, and the Grand Janitor as Grand Tyler.

II. The Grand First and Second Assistant Sojourners, Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, Director of Ceremonies, Organist,

Pursuivant and Stewards, must be Principals or Past Principals of some regular subordinate Chapter.

OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

I. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Grand Principals, H. and J., the Grand Superintendents of Districts, and the Grand Scribes, (ex-officio members) and five other members of the Grand Chapter, to be elected annually by ballot, immediately after the election and appointment of Grand Officers. The Committee may elect its own presiding Officer, and four members shall constitute a quorum for the despatch of business. The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees from amongst its members.

II. In the absence of the presiding Officer, the chair shall be taken by the member highest in rank present.

III. The Committee shall audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter and report thereon at the annual Convocation, and shall prepare an annual report on Foreign Correspondence for general information.

IV. The Committee shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, and shall examine and report on all applications for warrants, and generally on all matters referred to it by the Grand Z. and Grand Chapter, and shall have the right of summoning any Chapter or Companion to attend and produce all books, papers and accounts belonging to them under penalty, on neglect or refusal, of being by said Committee, suspended and reported to the Grand Z. or Grand Chapter.

V. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes—the presiding Officer, in case of equality, having a casting vote.

VI. The members of the Committee, when assembled on business, shall be in Royal Arch Clothing.

VII. The Committee, shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter referred to it by the Grand Z. or Grand Chapter, in preference to other general business.

VIII. All transactions and resolutions of the Committee shall be entered in a minute-book by the Grand Scribe E.

GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I. The Grand Chapter of Canada has the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master Masons, within the Province; with authority to assign the limits of the several Districts, and settle controversies that may happen between them; and has power under the seal of the Grand Chapter, and the sign manual of the Grand Principals, attested by the Grand Scribe E., to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master Masons, within the Province.

II. The Grand Z. has the power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter to grant a Dispensation under his hand, and attested by the Grand Scribe E., under the seal of the Grand Chapter, upon the petition of nine regular registered Royal Arch Masons, empowering them to hold Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master Masons, for a certain specified time, provided such does not extend beyond the next ensuing annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, when the Grand Chapter, may confirm the said Dispensation and grant the petitioners a Warrant of Constitution.

III. No Charter or Dispensation shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I. All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters, as regular bodies of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters are called Lodges. Every Chapter ought to assemble for work at least once in every three months, and shall consist of three Principals, two Scribes, three

Sojourners, and a Janitor, to which, for the better working of the Chapter, may be added other Officers.

II. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Warrant, or a Dispensation from the Grand Z. The mode of application to be by petition, signed by nine regular and registered Royal Arch Masons, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such Chapter, the day on which it is proposed to be holden, with the names of the three intended Principals, and such Warrant and Dispensation shall also give power to open and hold Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters.

III. The petition is to be transmitted to the Superintendent of the District in which it is intended to hold the Chapter, for his recommendation or opinion.

IV. Every Chapter shall be solemnly consecrated according to ancient custom, by one of the Grand Principals or Superintendents of Districts, or by some Present or Past First Principal of a Chapter.

V. Every Chapter shall annually elect, by ballot, the First, Second and Third Principals, Scribes E. and N., Principal Sojourner and Treasurer, and, by an open vote of the Chapter, the Janitor.

The First Principal shall annually appoint all the other officers required for the better working of his Chapter, who are, with the elective Officers, to be regularly installed and invested.

VI. No Companion shall be elegible for the First Principal's chair, unless he be an installed Master or Past Master of a regular Lodge, nor until he has served in the second Principal's chair for twelve months, nor to the Second until he has served in the Third Principal's chair for twelve months, unless by special dispensation from the Grand First Principal.

VII. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, except where a ballot is specially enacted. If the numbers on the ballot or a vote shall, in any case, be equal, the First Principal shall have the casting vote, or he may order a new ballot at his discretion.

VIII. A Register shall be kept by each Chapter of all Companions who shall be installed as First, Second and Third Principals; and every Chapter shall return to the Grand Scribe E., the name of every Companion so installed, with the date of his installation, and shall also notify the Grand Scribe E., whenever any Companion who has been installed as First, Second and Third Principal, shall, from any cause whatever, cease to be a Member of the Chapter; and no Companion shall take his seat in the Grand Chapter as a Principal, or Past Principal, until his name shall have been so registered.

IX. The First Principal is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to subordinate Chapters, and that all Returns are made, and Fees and Dues paid to Grand Chapter. He shall see that a book, or books be kept in which the Scribe E. shall enter the names of all Candidates, with the dates of their proposals and taking the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch, and their ages, residences and professions, together with all such other transactions of the Chapter as are proper to be written.

X. The Principals of the Chapter for the time being shall be the Master and Wardens respectively of the Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters, and the other officers according to seniority.

XI. The Officers and Companions, whilst in Chapter, shall wear the Insignia of the Order, according to their rank.

XII. In case of the absence of the First Principal, his chair shall be taken by his immediate predecessor therein, or, in his absence, by the senior Past First Principal present, who shall discharge the duties of the Chapter.

XIII. In case of Death or removal by Grand Chapter of a Principal of a Chapter, the Chapter shall proceed to elect a new Principal in his place, giving seven clear days' notice of such election to all the Members of the Chapter. And should a vacancy occur in any other office, the First Principal shall appoint a Companion to supply the place *pro tempore*. But no Officer can resign his office after he has been installed or invested.

nor can he be removed, except for cause which appears to the Chapter to be sufficient, to be ascertained by the votes of the majority of members present, on the complaint being laid before it by the First Principal after having been duly notified to the members in the summons, in which case another must be elected or appointed in his stead, as the case may be. This includes the Janitors of Chapters.

XIV. A Chapter of Emergency may at any time be called by summons, giving seven clear days' notice, by authority of the First Principal. The reason for calling it shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business than that specified shall be entered upon at that meeting.

XV. Every Chapter shall, at least once in each year, make a return to the Grand Scribe E., specifying the names, ages, professions and residences, and the dates of exaltation of the Companions exalted, together with the dates of their taking the previous degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, and shall, at the same time, remit the registering Fee, and Fees for Grand Chapter Certificates, that may be due, and when any Companion, exalted in foreign parts, whose name is not previously registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, shall join a Chapter as a member, his name, age, profession and Chapter shall be likewise returned, and the same fee shall be paid as if he had been exalted in the Chapter which he may so join. The name of each Candidate must be included in the return as soon as he has received the degree of Mark Master, and the registering fee must be then remitted. The names also, of all Companions who may join from any other Chapter must be returned, and the Chapter in which they were exalted, specified. Every Mark Master must select his mark within six months from the date of his taking the degree, and a description of it shall be returned by his Chapter for record by the Grand Scribe E.

XVI. No Chapter shall exalt a Mason to the Royal Arch degree, or admit a joining member, without strictly complying with the regulations enacted for those occasions. (See of proposing members.)

XVII. No Mason shall be exalted to the Royal Arch degree unless he has been a Master Mason for three calendar months at least, of which he shall give proof, except by dispensation from the First Grand Principal, which shall not, however, be for a shorter period than four weeks. He must have taken the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master previous to exaltation.

XVIII. No Chapter shall confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, upon any Brother for a less sum than twenty dollars, which sum must be paid before any of the degrees are conferred, and may include the fees to the Grand Chapter, for registry and certificate. The Companion who proposes a candidate is responsible to the Chapter for all fees payable by him, payment of which must not on any pretence be deferred, nor any part of them. This is not however to extend to serving Companions, who may be exalted free of fee or charge, provided that a Dispensation be obtained from the First Grand Principal.

XIX. When any Companion from without the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, presents himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produces satisfactory proof of his having been exalted to that degree, each and every Chapter shall have liberty to and may confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master on such Companions, who have not heretofore received them, free of charge, except a Fee to Grand Chapter for registry and Certificate.

XX. Every Chapter has the power to make such By-Laws as to them shall seem meet for their own private government, provided they be not incompatible with the general laws of the Craft, or the general statutes enacted by the Grand Chapter, and such By-Laws shall be fairly copied in a book to be kept for that purpose, after a copy thereof shall have been sent to the Grand Scribe E., for approval by the Grand Z., every Companion shall sign them as a token of submission to them, when he becomes a member. The regular days of meeting of the Chapter shall be specified in the By-Laws.

XXI. Every Chapter shall keep a book or books, in which members shall sign their names before intering the Chapter, and also for visitors which shall contain their names, rank and Chapter from which they hail. The Janitor shall see that these entries *are properly* made.

XXII. The precedency of a Chapter is derived from the number of its Warrant, as recorded in the books of the Grand Chapter. If a Chapter be dissolved, its warrant, records and property shall be delivered up to the Grand Chapter.

XXIII. If the majority of members quit a Chapter, the constitution or power of assembling exists with those remaining, provided their number be not less than nine, if less than nine, their Warrant ceases and becomes extinct—and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the Grand Chapter.

XXIV. A Chapter or Companion offending against any law or regulation for which no specified penalty is enacted, shall be subject to admonition, or suspension, at the discretion of the Grand Z., the Grand Chapter, or the Grand Superintendent of the District.

XXV. No Companion shall in any way make known or publish any proceedings of a Chapter without proper authority—nor violate the secrecy of the ballot under any circumstances; under penalty of severe censure for a first offence, and for a second offence, of suspension from all his Royal Arch privileges.

XXVI. Every Chapter has the power of inquiring into offences, and of suspending or excluding a member, but no Companion shall be suspended or excluded under any circumstances, until he shall have had due notice of the charge or complaint preferred against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, so that he may be present and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself, before a decision is rendered as to his guilt or otherwise.

XXVII. The name of every Companion suspended or excluded together with the cause thereof, shall be sent to the Grand Scribe E., and also to the Grand Superintendent of the District; and notice of his restoration shall likewise be sent to these two officers.

XXVIII. When a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, he shall be immediately restored by the Chapter, without ballot, on payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Chapter dues for the period he was so suspended.

XXIX. The majority of the members of a Chapter, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to their Principals, or other Representative, before the Convocation of Grand Chapter, because such Companions are their Representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

XXX. Every Chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its Charter of Constitution in either of the following cases :

Ommitting to hold a Convocation of the Chapter for the space of two years.

Neglecting to make any return required by the foregoing laws.

Neglecting to register annually the names of all Companions exalted, and of those who have joined the Chapter.

But no Chapter shall be erased under any circumstances until the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.

OF PROPOSING MEMBERS.

I. No Mason shall be advanced to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, and exalted to the Royal Arch degree until he has presented a petition recommended by two Companions, being members of the Chapter, and been regularly proposed at one Convocation of the Chapter, and a Committee has been appointed to enquire into his character, and his name, age, addition or profession, residence and Lodge shall have been sent to all the members of the Chapter in the summons for the next Convocation—whether regular or emergent—when, if the Committee report in his favor, he may be balloted for, and if approved, admitted. But should the Committee report unfavorably, he shall be deemed a rejected candidate and subject to Article VI.

II. All balloting for candidates as aforesaid must take place in the Royal Arch Degree.

III. No Companion shall be admitted a Joining Member without a regular proposition at one Convocation of the Chapter, and unless and until his name, occupation, residence and Chapter shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular Convocation, and their decision ascertained by ballot. He must give proof of his good standing, and be proposed and seconded by two members of the Chapter.

IV. No Chapter shall admit a Candidate who resides in another District or within the jurisdiction of another Chapter, without the written consent, given by open vote, of such other Chapter, and signed by the First Principal and Scribe E. The jurisdiction of every Chapter except in cities and towns where there is more than one Chapter, extends between them half-way to the nearest Chapter, or to the boundary of the district. In such cities and towns Chapters have concurrent jurisdiction.

V. No Candidate shall be admitted, or Companion received as a joining member, if on the ballot, two black balls appear against him.

VI. No rejected Candidate can be again proposed and balloted for within twelve months of the time of his rejection. (See Article I.)

VII. No Mason shall be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, until he has received the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master. He must have been a Master Mason for three months, of which he shall give proof, except the period be shortened by Dispensation of the Grand Z.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

I. Chapters may elect any Companion an Honorary member, by an open vote of the Chapter. Due notice must be given at one Convocation, and the name be inserted in the summons for the next, whether regular or emergent. The Chapter must include all Honorary members, who were at the time of such

election as such ordinary members, in its returns to the Grand Chapter, and pay similar dues for them as for ordinary members.

II. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting, except it is so declared at the time of election, and then it can be conferred only on those who were ordinary members when so elected.

III. Should such Honorary members, as at the time of their election were ordinary members, accept office in the Chapter, their Honorary membership ceases. Honorary members, who were not ordinary members, cannot, at the time of such election hold office in the Chapter.

OF VISITORS.

I. No visitor shall be admitted into a Chapter, unless he be personally known or recommended, or well vouched for, and until after due examination on his first visit, by two or more of the Companions present, and he shall have entered his name, residence and Chapter, together with his masonic rank, in a book to be kept by the Chapter for that purpose. The Janitor is to see that such entry is properly made.

II. Visitors during their continuance in a Chapter, are subject to its By-Laws.

III. No Companion residing in Canada, and not affiliated with some Chapter has a right to visit any Chapter in the town or place where he resides, more than once during the period of his non-affiliation.

IV. The First Principal of every Chapter is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

OF THE CHAPTER SEAL.

I. Every Chapter shall have a masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of it is to be sent to the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Superintendent of the

District, and if at any time the seal shall be changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

OF CERTIFICATES.

I. Every Chapter shall procure for each Companion exalted therein, immediately upon his being registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, a Certificate under seal of the Grand Chapter, and signed by the Grand Scribe E.; of such exaltation and registry, to be paid for by the Chapter.

II. Every Companion must sign his name in the margin of his Certificate to make it valid, which should be done at the time of its delivery to him.

III. Every return or document upon which a Grand Chapter Certificate is to issue, must specify not only the date of exaltation, but also the dates when the Companion was advanced to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master.

IV. All applications for Grand Chapter Certificates must be made to the Grand Scribe E., and no Certificate can be issued until payment is made of the Fees for registry and Certificate.

V. No Chapter shall grant a private Certificate to a Companion for any purpose, except to enable him to obtain a Grand Chapter Certificate, in which case it shall be specifically addressed to the Grand Scribe E., and except also such Certificates as the Laws or Committees of Grand Chapter may sanction or require.

VI. Whenever a Member of a Chapter shall give notice *in writing* of his desire to retire, or shall be excluded from membership, or whenever at a future time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a Certificate, stating the circumstances under which he left the Chapter, and such Certificate is to be produced to any other Chapter of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken. No charge shall be made under any pretence for a private Certificate.

OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

I. No public procession or festival shall be allowed, without a Dispensation from one of the Grand Principals, or the Grand Superintendent of the District, except as to attending Masonic Funerals, the urgency of which may not admit of the delay necessary for procuring the Dispensation.

II. If any Chapter or Companion shall attend any public procession (except a funeral) or festival, in Royal Arch clothing without a Dispensation, such Chapter and Companion shall be suspended, until the Grand Z. or Grand Chapter shall determine thereon, and such Companion shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a Chapter. This includes Janitors of Chapters.

OF APPEAL.

I. The Grand Chapter, when congregated, necessarily possesses a supreme authority over, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry, with its intermediate degrees. Any Chapter or Companion, therefore, which or who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other authority, may appeal to the Grand Chapter against such decision, except it be that of the Grand Z. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

II. No appeal will be received, unless made in proper and respectful language, and it must be sent to the Grand Scribe E., at least one month before the annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. And when appeal against a decision is made to the Grand Z., it must be sent to the Grand Scribe E., within one month after the date of the decision appealed against.

III. Notice of the intention to appeal against a decision must always be given at the time the decision is made known.

OF FEES.

The following shall be the fees and dues payable to the Grand Chapter, and which must in every case, be sent to the Grand Scribe E. with the application or return to which they respectively relate, and for which every First Principal of a Chapter is responsible :—

For a Dispensation for a new Chapter	$40 00
For a Warrant of Confirmation of do	10 00
For a Warrant of Constitution for a New Chapter	50 00
For a new do., to replace loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified	10 00
For every other Dispensation	1 00
For a Grand Chapter Certificate	2 00
For do., for all or either of the intermediate degrees, when applied for distinct from exaltation	1 00
For registry of the name of every Candidate for exaltation	1 00

This is to be paid in every instance as soon as a Brother has received the degree of Mark Master Mason.

For registry of a Companion joining a Chapter whose name has been previously registered	0 50
For registry and Certificate of the intermediate degrees conferred on Companions joining from another jurisdiction	2 00
For ever member of a Chapter, except for the year of his first becoming one, and payable at the annual Convocation of Grand Chapter,—(per annum)	0 20

REGALIA.

I. The following clothing and insignia shall be worn, and no Companion shall on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Chapter, or any subordinate Chapter, without his proper clothing.

No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter.

II. The apron is to be of white lamb-skin, or white kid-skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented crimson and purple border two inches wide, the crimson part pointing to the centre of the apron, the border of the flap or lappet to be only one inch wide, in the centre of the flap is to be a triangle of silk or satin, surrounded with gold border, and within the triangle three taus, united in gold spangled embroidery, and two gold tassels are to be suspended by ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap. The aprons of the Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, and Principals and Past Principals of subordinate Chapter are to be trimmed with gold lace.

III. The silk or satin ground of the triangle, the lining and strings of the apron, and the ribbon suspending the tassels, for the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be purple; for Principals and Past Principals of subordinate Chapters, crimson; and for all other Companions, white.

IV. The apron of a Mark Master is to be of the same material and size as for the Royal Arch, bordered by a light blue ribbon with crimson edges, and having three rosettes of the same ribbon one on the flap and one at each lower corner. The owner's mark may be represented on the centre within a circle surrounded by the letters H. T. W. S. S. T. K. S.

V. The jewel of office worn by the Present and Past Officers, of the Grand Chapter, is to be suspended by a collar of three colors, viz: purple, crimson and pale blue, four inches wide.

VI. The jewel of office worn by the Principals and Officers, and also by Past Principals of subordinate Chapters, is to be suspended by a crimson collar, four inches wide.

VII. The aprons, collars, and jewels of Officers of Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters, which are not independent bodies, may be those of the Chapter according to rank, and Companions may wear their Royal Arch clothing therein.

VIII. The medal of the Order is to be worn on the left breast, suspended according to the rank of the Companion, by a narrow

ribbon, two inches wide, as follows; Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, tricolor, corresponding with the collar; and the Principals and Past Principals of all subordinate Chapters, crimson, also corresponding with the collar; all jewels of this order are to be gold or gilt. The other Officers of subordinate Chapters, and all other Companions, white.

IX. The jewel of a Mark Master is to be in the form of a keystone. On the front the owners mark or device is to be engraved within a circle with the letters round it, H. T. W. S. S. T. K. S. On the reverse side may be the owner's name and that of his Chapter, with the date of his advancement. The jewel should be a white cornelian stone, but may be of gold or silver or mother-of-pearl, and suspended by a narrow light blue ribbon with crimson edges.

X. Grand and Past Grand Officers wear a tri-color sash, with gold fringe or bullion at the ends; all other Companions are to wear the usual sash of the order with silk fringe at the ends; but Principals and Past Principals of subordinate Chapters may wear gold fringe, or bullion instead of silk.

The following are recognized degrees as defined by Grand Chapter, viz; Entered Apprentice—Fellow Craft and Master Mason—Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master—Royal Arch, and Masonic Knights Templar, and Knight of Malta.

ROBES.

First Grand and First Principal, Z.

A crimson robe trimmed with ermine.

Second Grand and Second Principal, H.

A purple robe.

Third Grand and Third Principal, J.

A blue robe.

Scribes E. and N., the Principal Sojourner and his Assistants; Pursuivant and Janitors of Grand and subordinate Chapters, White robes.

JEWELS.

First Grand Principal, Z.

A Crown irradiated, between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Second Grand Principal, H.

The All-seeing eye irradiated, between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Third Grand Principal, J.

The Volume of the Sacred Law irradiated, between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Past Grand Principals,

The Jewel appertaining to their respective offices, in a circle.

Grand Superintendent of Districts,

A small Triangle irradiated, in a double triangle enclosed within a circle, on a triangle.

Past Grand Superintendents of Districts,

The same Jewel, omitting the small triangle irradiated.

Grand Scribes E. and N.

Cross Pens, with a tie within a triangle.

Principal Sojourners of Grand and subordinate Chapters,

A Square irradiated, within a triangle.

Assistant Sojourners of Grand and subordinate Chapters,

A square, within a triangle, not irradiated.

Grand Treasurer,

A Key, within a triangle.

Grand Registrar,

A Scroll, on a Pen, within a triangle.

Grand Sword Bearer,

Cross Swords, with a Tie, within a triangle,

Grand Standard Bearer,

A Standard with a Triple Tau in the centre, within a triangle.

Grand Director of Ceremonies,

Cross Wands within a Wreath, within a triangle.

Grand Organist,
A Harp within a triangle.

Grand Pursuivant.
Cross Swords and Wand, with a Coat of Arms, within a triangle.

Grand Stewards,
A Triangle.

Grand Janitor,
A Sword.

Past Grand Officers,
The Jewel appertaining to their respective officers set in a circle except Past Grand Superintendents.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

First Principal, Z.
A Crown irradiated within a triangle.

Second Principal, H,
An All-Seeing Eye irradiated, within a triangle.

Third Principal, J.
The Volume of the Sacred Law irradiated, within a triangle.

Past Principals,
The same within a circle.

Officers of subordinate Chapters,
The emblems appertaining to their office, as in Grand Chapter, within a triangle.

FORMS.

Application for a Warrant of Constitution.

To the Most Excellent Grand Principals, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

WE, the undersigned, being regular Royal Arch Masons, registered Members of the Chapters mentioned against our

respective names, pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter at to be called on the day of and there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the Forms of the Order, and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter; and we have nominated and do recommend Companion to be First Principal, Z., Companion to be Second Principal, H., Companion to be Third Principal, J.

The prayer of this Petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Dated at, &c., &c.

[To be signed by at least nine R. A. Masons.]

Application for Exaltation.

TO THE EXCELLENT

The Principals, Officers and Companions of the——Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.——

The undersigned, a Master Mason, and Member of——— Lodge, No.———under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ———respectfully offers himself as a candidate for advancement to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, and exaltation to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch in———Chapter No.———. Should his petition be granted he promises a cheerful compliance with all the forms and usages of the order.

Dated at, &c., &c. (Signed). A. B.

Recommended by

C. D.———. (Residence),———.
E. F.———. (Profession),———.

Application for Membership.

TO THE EXCELLENT

The Principals, Officers and Companions of the——Chapter. of Royal Arch Masons, No,——

I,——of the---of——[*profession or addition*]——aged——, being a Royal Arch Mason, am desirous of becoming a member of the ——Chapter, No——.

I was exalted in——Chapter, No.——, and was last a Member of——Chapter, No.——, from which I retired in good standing.

Dated at, &c., &c.

Recommended by ——— } ———
———

Certificate of withdrawal from a Chapter.

To all Royal Arch Masons to whom these presents shall come

GREETING:

This is to certify that Companion———, who hath signed his name in the margin hereof is a regular Royal Arch Mason in good standing at this date, and is, at his own request, regularly discharged from Membership in the——Chapter, No.——, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of———.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Chapter at ———, &c

By order, (Signed), A. B.
Scribe E.

Proxy for a Chapter appointing its Delegate to Grand Chapter.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY,

That at a —— Convocation of the —— Chapter, No.—— held on the —— day of —— A.L., —— Companion —— was

delegated to represent the said Chapter at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, to be held at ——, on the —— day of ——, A. L.,——, and there to perform any and all acts which could be done by the duly qualified Officers of the said Chapter were they personally present; promising to ratify and confirm all that the said Delegate may lawfully do under such authority.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the —— Chapter at —— &c.

——————,

(Seal.) *First Principal Z.*

——————,

Scribe E.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. S. D. Fowler, seconded by R. E. Comp. Charles D. Macdonnell, and resolved—

That the Constitution, as finally read, be now adopted and the same confirmed.

The following is a report from the Grand Superintendent of the

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the M. E. the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Chapter of Canada:

In compliance with the regulation of Grand Chapter, I beg to submit a brief report of the state of R. A. Masonry in the Wilson District. The number of Chapters in this District has not increased since my last report, there being but three. Of these the "Oxford" Chapter, at Woodstock, is in a highly prosperous state, the officers being strongly imbued with a love of our order have spared no pains in qualifying themselves for conducting the work in the most approved manner, and being well sustained by the Companions and Brethren, have attained a high state of efficiency.

The "Mount Horeb" Chapter, at Brantford, being under my own guidance perhaps I should not say more than that we are progressing steadily and striving to acquit ourselves creditably.

The "Ezra" Chapter, at Simcoe, has done no work during the past year; the principal officers having been called away on duty no meetings were held, I have pleasure in stating however, that this Chapter has been lately re-organized by Dispensation from the Grand Z., under officers of energy and zeal, and I feel assured will soon recover its former prosperity.

All which is most respectfully submitted,

D. CURTIS,
G. Supt., W. D.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the M. E. Z.'s address, submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council and Excellent Companions in Grand Convocation assembled.

The Special Committee on the Annual address of the M. E. Z. beg respectfully to submit the following report.

Your Committee have great pleasure in congratulating the M.E.Z. on the harmony of action and the cordial good will which has rendered the responsible duties of his high position so comparatively light and pleasant during the past year.

Your Committee are glad to learn that our subordinate Chapters are on the increase, and continue their work in harmony so that a discordant sound has not for the year past, reached Grand Chapter. It is further most gratifying to observe that our relations with Sister Grand Bodies are of the most amicable

nature, as is clearly evinced by the printed proceedings in the hands of the Grand Scribe E., and they trust the same friendly intercourse may ever continue.

Your Committee highly appreciate the prudence with which the M. E. Z. has exercised the dispensing power in filling the Offices of Principals of subordinate Chapters, and hope with him that the time is not far distant when by the increase of properly qualified members, these now called for departures from constitutional regulations will be found less and less necessary.

Your Committee deeply sympathize and unite with the M.E.Z. in the expression of regret for the great loss the Province has sustained in the death of the late Premier, Sir E. P. Tache, as also the losses which have been sustained by Royal Arch Masonry during the past year, thereby dotting the Royal Craft with badges of mourning and sorrow ; they earnestly hope that the sentiments so feelingly embodied by the M. E. Z. for the departed, may be realized in the, they trust, far off future of every Companion, when called to pass that dark bourne from whence no traveller returneth.

Your Committee fully enter into the pleasurable feelings with which the M. E. Z. makes mention of the additional comfort and happiness afforded by the birth of a Prince to our Most Gracious Queen and her Illustrious children, who are all so justly dear to every British subject. Your Committee rejoice likewise with the M. E. Z. at the cessation of the sad and unnatural warfare, that has been desolating happy homes, and entailing miseries and wretchedness upon their inmates for several years past.

In conclusion, your Committee reciprocate the desire expressed by the M. E. Z. for the future interest of Capitular masonry and in the name of Grand Chapter tender to him its most hearty congratulations and earnest desire for his own future personal health, strength and prosperity.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CLARKE.
EDWARD JOHN BARKER.
JAMES SEYMOUR.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. J. C. Franck, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and resolved—

That the report of the Committee on the M. E. Z.'s address, be received and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom were referred the consideration of matters contained in the reports of the Grand Superintendents, beg leave to submit the following:

There have been laid before them reports from the London, Hamilton, Central, Montreal and the Eastern Townships Districts.

It is gratifying to learn that the Chapters throughout the Province appear to be all working with that unanimity which so eminently characterizes our Ancient Order, and it is probably more a matter of congratulation than otherwise, that their number is not increasing faster than is really required by the wants of the Companions, only one new Chapter having been noticed in the reports before your Committee as having been erected during the year now closed.

Your Committee are glad to observe a handsome set of Banners in Grand Chapter, the property of the Chapters of the City of Hamilton, the presence of which, at this Convocation, has afforded the representatives in attendance an opportunity to inspect them, as they are in every respect worthy of commendation.

Your Committee regret to record the removal from among us by death, of Right Excellent Companion William Bellhouse, of Hamilton, who assisted at the formation of Grand Chapter, and for several years held the office of Grand Treasurer.

The question of rightly carrying out the details of work by

private Chapters as directed by Grand Chapter, both at its last annual session and previously, has been referred to in one of the reports before your Committee, it is recommended that the Grand Superintendents be directed to enforce strictly upon every Chapter the necessity of complying with the commands of Grand Chapter in this respect, and in the event of neglect or refusal on the part of any Chapter within their several jurisdictions to obey such command, to report the same to the M. E. Z., so soon as such neglect or refusal becomes known to them.

Your committee heartily sympathize with Excellent Comp. Milo, of Kingston, referred to by the G. Sup. for the Central District, who has had the misfortune at an advanced age to be suddenly deprived of all his property by fire, and recommend that the case may be taken up by Grand Chapter, with the view of affording such alleviation as may be in its power to bestow.

All which is respectfully submitted,

S. D. FOWLER,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas McCraken, and resolved—

That the report of the Committee on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry be received and adopted.

The Special Committee on Audit and Finance submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Most Excellent Council.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts, &c., have examined the books, vouchers, &c., of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to be correct.

The following accounts have been laid before them, which they have recommended to be paid:

T. & R. White, for Printing Annual proceedings, &c.,	$89 25
John Ellis, for Printing Certificates	52 00
The Grand Scribe E.—incidental Expenses	39 49
	$180 74

Your Committee find that there has been received on account of Grand Chapter since the date of the last audit report, the sum of $484 40, which with the balance in the Grand Treasurer's hand of $19 74, giving a total of $504 14.

The disbursements for the same period have been $466 42, leaving a balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands of $37 72.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. SIMS.
THOMAS MILTON.
GEO. M. WILKINSON.

PRESCOTT, 8th August, 1865.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by E. Comp. John Clarke, and resolved—

That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R.E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. J. Barker,

That the next Annual Convocation be held at St. Catharines.

In amendment,

It was moved by V. E. Comp. Wm. M. Jamieson, seconded by E. Comp. H. A. Sims,

That the City of Ottawa be the next place of meeting of Grand Chapter.

A ballot having been taken, it was declared to be in favor of St. Catharines.

The ballots for the elective Grand Officers, to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, were passed, and the following Companions were declared duly elected, viz:

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington, re-elected	Grand	Z.
R. " "	Charles D. Macdonnell,	"	H.
" " "	Thomas McCraken,	"	J.
" " "	Thos. Bird Harris, re-elected	Grand Scribe	E
" " "	Isaac H. Stearns,	" "	N.
" " "	Alexander S. Kirkpatrick,	"	Pr'l Sj'r.
" " "	John W. Murton,	"	Treasurer.
" " "	Edwin Goodman,	"	Registrar.

By an open vote,

Comp. A. P. M. Collver,	"	Janitor.

Nominated by the representatives of Chapters of their respective Districts, as Grand Superintendents, and approved by the M. E. Z.

R. E. Comp.	Charles Kahn,	London District,	re-elected.	
" " "	David Curtis,	Wilson "	"	
" " "	James Seymour,	Hamilton "	"	
" " "	James Adams,	Toronto "		
" " "	S. D. Fowler,	Central "		
" " "	Thomas Milton,	Montreal "	re-elected.	
" " "	H. L. Robinson,	E. Towns'p "	"	
" " "	Jas. H. Rowan,	Quebec "		

The M. E. Z. has been pleased to make the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

V. E. Comp.	John Dutton,	Grand	1st Asst. Sojourner.
" " "	A. G. Smyth,	"	2nd " "
" " "	S. McConkey,	"	Sword Bearer.
" " "	George Smith,	"	Standard "
" " "	Angus Grant,	"	Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	Robert A. Smith,	"	Organist.
" " "	Stan. H. Blondheim,	"	Pursuivant.
" " "	W. B. Colby,	Grand Stewards.	
" " "	T. B. Pardee,		
" " "	Henry A. Sims,		
" " "	John Clarke,		

The Grand Chapter proceeded to ballot for five members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, with the following result:

M.E. Comp. John C. Franck, R.E. Comp. E. J. Barker, R. E. Comp. James Moffatt, and E. Comps. H. A. Sims and John Clarke.

It was moved by E. Comp. John Clarke, seconded by E. Comp. H. A. Sims, and resolved—

That the M.E.Z. receive particulars having reference to the causes which have plunged a worthy member of a Chapter, in Kingston, into distressed circumstances, that the same may be forwarded to the various Chapters in the Province, with the view of obtaining for him some substantial relief.

The M. E. Z. installed and invested the elected officers present, who were proclaimed with the usual masonic forms.

The M. E. Z. directs that each Companion elected or appointed to office, not presenting himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

The business of Grand Chapter being ended, the rough minutes were read and approved.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample form.

ATTEST.

Thos. B. Harris

G.S.E.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

In pursuance of their pleasing duty of preparing another annual report on Foreign Correspondence, your Committee have perused proceedings from the following Grand Chapters:—

1. Scotland 1865
2. California 1864
3. Connecticut 1864
4. Illinois 1864
5. Indiana 1865
6. Iowa 1864
7. Kentucky 1864
   " 1865
8. Louisiana 1865
9. Maine 1864
9. Maine 1865
10. Maryland 1864
11. Massachusetts ..1864
12. Michigan 1864
    " 1865
13. Missouri 1864
14. New Hampshire.1864
15. New York.....1864
    " 1864
16. Vermont 1864

There remain 19 other Grand Chapters in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Canada, from whom tidings have not been received, viz.:—England, Ireland, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, North and South Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. Your Committee trust that ere another year rolls round, many if not all of these will be heard from, and the tongue of good report proclaim aloud their enduring prosperity.

Your Committee are much gratified to find, from the hasty perusal they have been enabled to give the various proceedings in their hands, that a most healthy and satisfactory tone prevails throughout; steady advancement being perceptible, and perfect harmony reigning within their borders. The guiding principle of each seems to be, who shall best promote those lofty, humanising and ennobling virtues taught within our temples; and while this spirit exists, there need be no fear of the continued triumph of Masonry's God-like tenets over the wilder and baser passions of depraved nature.

The fiery ordeal through which our Companions in the neighboring States have been called to pass, has indeed been a trying one; and as they received our heartfelt sympathy in their season of affliction, so now we extend to them our sincere congratulations on the happy return of peace. War's devastations having ceased, Companions North and South, as members of the same mystic family, can once more exchange their fraternal greetings, and mingle with each other as in the past, their mutual feelings of friendly solicitude and good will. Happily throughout the unnatural struggle, Masonry exercised a sacred power and a benign influence that perhaps its most ardent supporters could scarcely have anticipated, in view of the merciless rancour too often shown. That influence will now tend in a great degree to bind those cherished principles still closer to their hearts, and give them greater confidence in the stability and truth of its venerated and immutable teachings.

While pursuing their analysis, your Committee have perceived many subjects discussed by sister Grand Chapters of more than passing interest to the Royal Craft in Canada. These it has been their endeavour to epitomise and present for reflection in as brief and intelligible a manner as possible. Should the reproduction of these topics be conducive to local information, your Committee will feel more than repaid for the attention devoted to them; and should an increased interest in the advancement of Capitular Masonry follow, it will be a source of extreme pleasure that so desirable a consummation ensues from their humble labors.

Without further digression, your Committee herewith submit their report, beginning with an interesting synopsis from the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of

SCOTLAND.

The Annual Reporter from this Supreme Grand Chapter covers the year from 31st March, 1864, to the same date, 1865. It presents a valuable compendium of information on the condition of

Royal Arch Masonry in all Chapters under the jurisdiction of Scotland. Six new Chapters received warrants during the year, and a dormant one was revived. There are 104 Chapters on the roll, of which 32 are reported dormant or defunct.

At the quarterly Committee meeting held June 15, 1864, the G. S. E. presented a copy of last proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, for which thanks were voted. At the same meeting R. E. Comp. Wm. Hay, tendered his resignation as representative of the Grand Chapter of Scotland at this Grand Chapter, owing to his leaving Canada permanently to reside in Edinburgh. The resignation was accepted with regret, and a vote of thanks given for past services. The G. S. E. was also instructed "to request the Grand Chapter of Canada to furnish the names of three Companions, from whom the Supreme Grand Chapter may select one to be their representative."

A Companion of a Scotch Chapter having been refused admission into an English one, a correspondence ensued, which resulted in the following explanation from the Grand Chapter of England, which was accepted as satisfactory :—

"That a fraternal communication be made to the Grand Chapter of Scotland, to the effect that this Grand Chapter justly recognises the right of all regularly exalted R. A. Masons, holding under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, to admission into any English Chapter, when duly open for work, provided the regulations laid down in the Constitution are complied with. That this Grand Chapter would not only exceedingly regret that any Scotch or other regularly exalted R. A. Mason should be refused admission into an English Chapter, but would visist with its severe displeasure any subordinate Chapter which should refuse admission to any such R. A. Mason who was personally known to, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by *one* of the Companions present. That this Grand Chapter believes that the visiting Companion in question did not exhibit his certificate, or so comply with the regulations regarding visitors as to justify the Companions present in admitting him, hence the refusal."

An interchange of representatives having been sought by the Grand Chapter of Scotland, the English Grand body thus explains why the proposal cannot be complied with :—

"That as regards an interchange of representatives, this Grand Chapter desires to explain, that in England the Holy Royal Arch is considered as supplemental to and forming the completion of the Master Mason's degree, and that consequently all interchange of representatives between the supreme Masonic authority in England and other countries, has been and is confined to the Grand Lodge ; and this Grand Chapter having no representative at or from any other Grand Chapter, is of opinion that it would be undesirable at present to depart from its usual practice."

A lengthy Committee report is given "with reference to the status and position of the degree of Mark Master in England and Wales, especially in connection with its working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, Wales, and the Colonies and possessions of the British Crown." This report arises from the application of the so called Grand Lodge of Mark Masters for recognition by the Grand Chapter of Scotland as the head of the order in England, though it is ignored by the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of that country. After narrating a variety of historical facts connected with the working of the Mark degree in symbolic Lodges, from time immemorial down to 1856, when the Grand Mark Lodge was formed : the report states that the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Scotland appointed joint committees to place the degree on a proper footing, which they did in a series of resolutions still in force, as follows :—

"1. That all Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall be allowed to work the Mark degree, in virtue of the charters they already possess. 2. That to prevent confusion with brethren belonging to Lodges out of this kingdom, or with sister Grand Lodges, this degree, although held to be a second part of the F. C. degree, shall only be conferred on Master Masons, and the secrets shall only be communicated in presence of those who have taken it either from a Lodge or Chapter entitled to grant it.

3. That the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Scotland

shall adopt the same ritual in conferring the degree, being that now adjusted by their respective committees. 4. That any candidate applying for the R.A. degree, if he has received the Mark in a regular Lodge, shall not be required to take it a second time from the Chapter in which he seeks admission; but if he has not received it, he shall be obliged to take it from the Chapter. 5. That in the R. A. degrees, the Mark shall be reckoned as the fourth degree in Masonry. 6. That nothing in these regulations shall interfere with the superintendence over Mark Masonry out of Scotland, claimed by the Grand Chapter, or with Lodges holding of it in England or abroad."

The report further states, "that the Mark degree, whether viewed separately or as a part of the F. C. degree, is now recognized and worked in Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and all the Grand Lodges and Chapters of the United States, England being the only country in which the English language is spoken where the degree is not recognized, either by Grand Lodge or Chapter." The position assumed by England in relation to this degree, is thus set forth :—

"In England the working of the Mark degree has been more or less in abeyance, its estimation varying according to circumstances. In the colonies much difficulty has arisen from the establishment of Lodges under different jurisdictions, some recognizing the degree and others ignoring it. To remedy this state of things, and to restore the degree to its rightful position in the Masonic system, an attempt was made to obtain its recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, and a joint committee of members of that Grand Lodge and of the Grand Chapter was appointed to investigate and report upon the subject. The committee reported the Mark degree as in their opinion not positively essential, but a graceful appendage to the F.C. degree, which report was approved by the M. W. G. M., and unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge in March, 1856. At the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, on special motion, duly proposed and seconded, that portion of the previous minutes referring to the Mark degree was non-confirmed, and the *status in quo ante* was resumed."

In this position of affairs, the committee did not feel justified in recommending the recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge, or the recall of the Mark Warrants issued by the Grand Chapter of Scotland, But they urged that steps be taken to secure the concurrence of the Grand Chapter and Lodge of England in placing the Mark degree upon the same footing as it is in Ireland, Scotland, Canada and America. Should the Grand bodies of England agree to this, the committee express their willingness to cancel the Mark Warrants issued by their Grand Chapter, which would in effect remove the cause for the existence of the so-called Grand Mark Lodge.

The report was adopted, and a memorial prepared as suggested, to the Grand Chapter and Lodge of England, "hoping that some arrangement may be made which will have the effect of bringing about a similarity of working in the two countries, which, from their close proximity, is much to be desired; and that in this way the proper place may be assigned to the Mark degree in the degrees of Masonry." Copies of this memorial are also to be sent to the Grand Chapters and Lodges of Ireland and Canada, and to all Scotch Mark Lodges.

Your Committee sincerely trust that the action of the Grand Chapter of Scotland in relation to the Mark degree may prove successful, as no good reason can be assigned for continuing the anamolous position in which it is now placed in England.

Most E. Comp. J. Whyte Melville was re-elected G. Z., and R. E. Comp. Lindsay Mackersy, G. S. E.

CALIFORNIA.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California was commenced in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on the 6th October, 1864—M. E. Comp. E. H. Van Decar, G. H. P., presiding, and Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from twenty-nine of the thirty-four Chapters working under the jurisdiction.

The opening address of the Grand High Priest was brief, but to the point; reviewing in glowing terms the progress of Capitular Masonry within the State during his term of office. After returning thanks to Him who doeth all things well, for

blessings and bounties bestowed upon them, he thus appropriately alludes to the responsibilities devolving upon representatives at Grand Convocations :

"These constantly recurring periods which the rules of representative bodies assign for themselves, and at which they meet in Convocation to exercise those powers confided to them, are fraught with a responsibility that is not always appreciated by the actors ; not that they are unmindful of the duty they owe to those who clothed them with delegated authority, but that, in the exercise of their privileges, they too often forget that the laws and landmarks, which have been the result of the wisdom of centuries, are immutable, and that the progressive character of the present age is not always conducive to the welfare of the human race. History will devote to the present period an important page. In many things, its dark actions will be told by the same pen that records the deeds of its heroes ; and that our Order will not be conspicuous therein, is in consequence of its most venerable characteristics being remembered ; for by adhering to that conservatism which should always be observed by its votaries, and which has preserved it through decades of centuries, and convulsions of kingdoms and empires, we are permitted to assemble and kneel around our sacred altar, and invoke the blessings of the great I AM. Our relations to Capitulary Masonry, and to our Companions, are most important. The voluntary ties and obligations assumed by us should be ever present in our minds. We have knelt at the holy altar of the inner Temple,—the Sanctum Sanctorum of Ancient Free Masonry—and there received those exemplary lessons of morality and benevolence which never should be lost sight of. A frequent recurrence to the sublime principles we profess, cannot fail to inculcate and enforce an abiding line of virtue and practical beneficence."

A complaint was preferred against "Sacremento" Chapter, No. 3, for conferring degrees upon four candidates residing within the territorial limits of "Delta" Chapter No. 27, without permission. The offending Chapter was ordered to pay to the aggrieved one all monies received from the candidates for degrees so conferred.

The finances appear in a very healthy state, the receipts of the year being $3,309.04, against an expenditure of $3,152.97—surplus, $156.07. The total membership of the 34 Chapters is given at 1288; exaltations, 146; deaths, 21; excluded, 13.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is very cleverly drawn up, reflecting much credit on the judgment and ability of Comp. L. C. Owen, as Chairman. The entire proceedings also partake of a carefulness in compilation and typographical neatness that is truly meritorious.

The commendable custom prevails in this Grand Chapter of having portraits of all Past Grand High Priests taken, and preserved with its property and records.

M. E. Companion Isaac Davis was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion L. C. Owen, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at the Temple, City of New Haven, on the 10th of May, 1864, R. E. Companion, E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary. There were 22 subordinate Chapters represented, out of 27 on the roll; members affiliated, 1926; exaltations, 167; died, 45; total receipts, $500. Franklin Chapter No. 2, New Haven, returned 228 members.

The Grand High Priest delivered a very interesting and eloquently written address, in which he rapturously depicts the tranquil prosperity vouchsafed to Capitular Masonry within his bounds during his official term. He says "a fair amount of work has been done, and although the number admitted may not be as large as in previous years, I am satisfied that the quality of the material added to our glorious superstructure is such as will be approved by the Master Builder. The utmost harmony and peace prevails throughout our entire jurisdiction, and not a single case of grievance or complaint has been reported to me." During the year he visited several Chapters, and observing in them many irregularities which should not prevail in any well-governed masonic assemblage, he thus pertinently alludes to the subject:

"While I have found much to commend, I also thought it my duty to call attention to many irregularities which exist in some Chapters; and although they may be thought trivial in themselves, they detract much from the beauty and interest of the work and from the proper government of the chapters. Among others, I allude to the entering and leaving the Chapter without saluting or permission of the High Priest, and during some of the most solemn part of the work; conversation carried on by Companions around the Chapter, and sometimes not in a very low key; opening and shutting doors, when the utmost silence should prevail; neglect of the Secretary to read the minutes of the preceding Convocation, and in one instance at the annual Convocation for the election of officers; the officers not occupying their proper places in the Chapter; the 'calling off,' or, as may be found in some records, adjourning the Chapter from one convocation to another. I trust my allusions to these irregularities have been received in the true spirit, leaving no ungenerous feelings to become a bane."

He next refers in feeling terms to the death of three worthy Companions, whose lives were lost in battle; to the duties imposed upon true Craftsmen by the unholy strife then raging, to relieve the needy, to sympathize with the bereaved, to succor the afflicted; and finally he exhorts them to practice charity in its broadest significance, without which the spirit of masonry will cease to influence them. His remarks on this head are so appropriate that we cannot do better than reproduce them:—

"That charity which suffereth long and is kind, which vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, and which thinketh no evil—and that brotherly love which unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and concilliates true friendship among them—seem to be exiled from the hearts of many of the brethren of the mystic tie. You may know such by their intemperate zeal in the defence of their own views, and the malignity with which they pursue and denounce those who differ from them. With more zeal than reason or virtue, with more loyalty to their own personal or partizan schemes than to their country, and with no regard to

the rights or feelings of others, they breed contention, hatred and strife among all with whom they associate. To subdue the passions and practice Charity, the first lessons taught in masonry, they have never learned. With prejudice unchecked, and coloring everything that passes within the range of their mental vision, they do not possess magnanimity enough to do justice to those who differ from them. Such men are neither good masons nor good citizens. Those of you who have seen this spirit, severing the ties of affection between those in whose veins run the same blood, dividing our churches, and even raising its unholy hand at the table of the Lord, will not censure me for cautioning you against its influence in our beloved Order. This spirit we must discountenance and subdue, by opposing to it true masonic charity; and if we do not succeed in saving all our brethren from its influence, we may hope to prevent its working serious injury to our Order."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. E. Comp. E. G. Storer, and comprises an able review of the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters, Canada for 1863 amongst the number. Copious extracts are given from the latter, including the entire introduction to the Foreign Correspondence, to which partial exception is taken, because it disapproves of the unseemly discussion of political subjects, inimical to masonry, by too many of our American Companions. Cordially endorsing, as we do, the truly Masonic doctrine laid down by R. E. Comp. Curtis on this head, we fail to perceive wherein he has done the slightest injustice to any one in the sentiments uttered. Certainly, if the discussion of political ethics is forbidden within our portals, surely they should also be excluded from addresses and reports appearing in our proceedings. And if Committees will persist in dilating upon such topics, they must expect fair criticism.

Most Excellent Companion Asa Smith was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Companion E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held in the Masonic Hall, Springfield, on the 7th

of October, 1864. M. E. Comp. H. W. Hubbard, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary. Forty-one Chapters were represented, out of sixty-three in the jurisdiction. Nine new Chapters received Warrants. Returns were submitted by 57. Fifteen made no returns, four of which were declared dormant. Total membership reported, 2,336; exaltations, 635; expelled, 2; deaths, 31; receipts, $5,156.

The G. H. P.'s address is chiefly devoted to a record of official acts performed during his incumbency, in which time he says "Nothing has occurred to disturb the peace and harmony prevailing within our bounds, no complaint of any kind being brought to my notice." Having granted a dispensation to several Companions to form a Military Chapter, at Columbus, Ky.,—within the jurisdiction of another Grand Chapter—he thus alludes to a visit paid it by invitation of the H. P.:—

"In October, at the earnest solicitation of Comp. O. S. Vaughan, H.P., of 'Asboth' Chapter, U.D., I visited Columbus, Ky., to ascertain its condition. I went there strongly prejudiced against military Lodges or Chapters; made the acquaintance of officers and members; examined their work and assisted in conferring degrees; and from the general conduct of its members, the frequent rejection of petitions, I was forced to the conclusion that the interest and prosperity of the Royal Craft could be promoted in the armies of our country, as well as in our peaceful and quiet retreats at home. Most of their members are officers in the army and navy—some high in rank—and where, I ask, could they better spend their leisure hours (surrounded, as they are, with the vices and allurements which a soldier's life is heir to) than in that sacred retreat where there is not heard the sound of axe, hammer, or any tool of iron?"

Whatever palliation can be offered for the issue of a dispensation to military companions residing within the limits of his own State, we think the G. H. P. of Illinois will experience some difficulty in justifying or finding a precedent for the exercise of that authority outside his jurisdiction. It may be true that "a soldier's leisure hours could not be better spent than in the sacred retreat of a Royal Arch Chapter;" yet it is a debateable question

how far the real advancement of the Royal Art is promoted by illegally creating an itinerant Chapter for that purpose. Usually military Lodges or Chapters are restricted in the choice of candidates to military men; but in this instance no such restriction was complied with; for the wielders of plough-shares and pruning-hooks were admitted with the same readiness as the bearers of swords and spears. The dispensation to this Chapter seems to have been granted to enable certain work to be performed, for when that was completed the G. H. P. revoked his authority and ordered the records to be transferred to another Chapter. Nearly all the sister Grand Chapters whose correspondence your Committee have perused, discuss the points of jurisprudence involved in the issue of this dispensation, and in every case adverse judgment is given.

By a disastrous fire at Cairo, your Committee regret to learn that the G.H.P. suffered severely, losing nearly all his property and masonic documents, he and his family narrowly escaping with their lives. The Grand Chapter generously voted $200 towards relieving his misfortunes.

The Deputy G. H. P. reports granting four dispensations for new Chapters, thus exercising an authority co-equal with his superior, the right to which is questioned in many jurisdictions.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence ably review the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters—Canada for 1863 included, but very briefly. The proceedings are neatly printed and carefully compiled.

M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Twentieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Indiana was convened in the Grand Masonic Hall, Indianapolis, on the 17th of May, 1865. R. E. Comp. E. H. Davis, D. G. H. P., presiding, owing to the illness of M. E. Comp. S. D. Bayless, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. Hacker, Grand Secretary.

Forty-one chapters were represented, out of fifty-one on the roll. Total membership, seventeen hundred and three; exaltations, two hundred and fifty-seven; expelled, one; deaths, thirty-two; receipts $1967. The address of the G. H. P. was read by the Grand Secretary. It relates chiefly to official acts performed during the year, and presents little of interest to this jurisdiction, beyond the fact that "harmony and order continue to prevail, and all the Chapters have prospered beyond precedent." The return of peace to their country is also appropriately referred to, and a feeling tribute paid to the memory of the late President Lincoln, whose untimely death is fitly characterized as an act of atrocity that shocked the world. We are sure that in his closing remarks the G. H. P. has the condolence of all Royal Arch Masons who will read them:

"Companions, in conclusion, I must express my regret and sorrow in not being able to write a report on Foreign Correspondence, or even meet you face to face, and grasp your hands as my heart desires. Confined to my room for the last week with severe illness, I write these closing lines with a feeble hand. In tendering you, one and all, my fraternal thanks for past respect and honors, if not permitted to meet again in Grand Chapter upon earth, may we all meet in the tabernacle of God." So mote it be.

Memorial pages record the virtues and worth of two old members of this Grand Chapter—Comp. F. King, for fifteen years Grand Secretary, and Comp. C. Carter, for twenty years an active working member.

M. E. Comp. Thos. Pattison was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Wm. Hacker, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The Tenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Corinthian Hall, Des Moines, on the 4th of June, 1864. M. E. Comp. W. E. Woodward, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary. Twelve Chapters had representatives in attendance, out of twenty-eight on the roll,

two of which have been declared dormant. Total membership, five hundred and eighty-seven; exaltations, sixty-four; expelled, nine; deaths, twelve. Receipts $685, and invested in 5-20 bonds, $300.

The address of the G. H. P. is interesting in a local point of view, but it does not contain anything of special importance worthy of reproduction here. The ravages of the war are lamented; official acts and visitations are reported; deaths of several eminent companions are feelingly dwelt upon; and the complete destruction of a Chapter and Blue Lodge at Camanche by a tornado is announced.

A resolution to abolish the office of Deputy Grand High Priest appears in the proceedings; but as only sixteen Chapters support it, instead of a two-third majority of eighteen, further consideration is deferred till next annual Convocation.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. E. Comp. Langridge, who ably reviews the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters—Canada for 1863 included. Referring to the remarks of Comp. Curtis on the war, he says: "Let him place himself on our side of the line, and there is little doubt that some things he sees in one light now might appear so strongly in another, that he might not think that the 'purity' of his masonry would be much tarnished if he spoke quite plainly his sentiments in behalf of what he thought the cause of right and justice against lawlessness and crime." Change of position might make some difference, when the genuine teachings of our order are lost sight of in the heat of the moment; but we are much mistaken if our American Companions do not come to our view of the question, when that heat has given place to calmer reflection and the mellowing influence of peace has exerted its proper sway. Let *charity* once prevail, and we shall not see such topics discussed in Masonic proceedings.

We are glad to find our Iowa Companions holding the following truly Masonic language in reference to quackery on ritualism, of which there has been so much that it is a wonder the shadow of the original remains:—

"The Chapter ritual has been tinkered, doctored and cobbled

by so many persons, learned and unlearned, privates and professionals, from the highest officer of General Grand Chapter to the latest maker of a text-book, that it is not to be wondered at that Comp. A., in the Grand Chapter of Z., should be fearful lest Comp. B. should introduce some terrible innovation on *his* work—that work which he has been industriously improving and changing and polishing and filing for so many years, and striving to introduce into his jurisdiction; and which, now that he has lived long enough and stuck so tenaciously to his purpose, has become *the* authority there, and is becoming so generally acquiesced in, that he hopes in a few years to secure partial uniformity! Just as though B. was not as good authority as A. or C., they being all alike without authority, made up too often of muddled recollections, pieced out with the fantasies of their god-fathers, and well enough to do in the world if they escape the most bare-faced contradictions or gross blunders."

Through the medium of this Report we have tidings from Minnesota for 1861-63, no Convocation being held in 1862. Steady progress seems to mark their onward march, and the only subject discussed by them is the General Grand Chapter, whose continuance they strongly support. The proceedings of Ohio for 1863 are also noticed, and a lengthy argument by Comp. Parks, against what they term "substitutes" is copied. The pith of this is, that after diligent enquiry from England and other sources of authority, he finds that it is not indispensable to exalt *three* candidates at one time, but when convenient it is better to do so. He closes his argument thus :—

"And now, in view of the facts stated, I am compelled to recede from the opinion heretofore held of the illegality of substitutes in the R. A. Degree. And, as I no longer regard Webb's charge as embodying a fundamental principle of the degree, *but simply as a part of the many Americanisms that have attached to almost every branch of Masonry in the United States,* and considering it a legitimate subject for legislation, I therefore recommend it to your careful consideration, hoping that some plan may be devised by which the question will be set at rest."

M. E. Comp. L. S. Swafford was elected G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Louisville, on the 19th October, 1863—M. E. Comp. T. Sadler, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. P. Swigert, Grand Secretary. Thirty-seven chapters were represented out of seventy-seven on the roll; forty-three returned ten hundred and eighty members; one hundred and nine exaltations; two expulsions; twenty-three deaths, and thirty-four made no returns, which is accounted for by the disturbed state of the country preventing their working. One new Chapter received a warrant, and one a dispensation; receipts of year $1694; total resources in stocks, &c., $7,061. This is one of the richest Grand Chapters in the American Union, and we rejoice to learn that nowhere is the duty of relieving the distressed more generously followed.

The G. H. P.'s address is very brief, merely referring to local business and the stagnation in work compared with more prosperous periods. The hope is expressed that "a speedy re-union of full fellowship and brotherly love may soon ensue," to which we cordially say, Amen.

The report on Foreign Correspondence reviews the doings of thirteen Grand Chapters, and those of Canada for 1862, are fraternally noticed by the Chairman.

M. E. Comp. S. D. McCullough was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. P. Swigert, Grand Secretary.

Another Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the same city on the 17th October, 1864. M. E. Comp. S. D. McCullough, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Companion P. Swigert, Grand Secretary. Forty-four Chapters were represented, out of eighty-two on the roll. One new Chapter received a warrant, and four were empowered to work under dispensation. Fifty-two Chapters return one thousand three hundred and eighty-nine members; two hundred and twenty-one exaltations; two expulsions, thirty-one deaths, and thirty made no returns; receipts, $1,536; resources, $7,436.

The opening remarks of the venerable G. H. P. are somewhat unique in style of composition, and evince more research in scriptural quotations than usually characterize masonic addresses. He takes special pains to impress upon Companions that "Masonry is not religion, nor can it save one soul of the countless hosts who have assisted in its ceremonies; but a calm reliance upon the Lamb of God can only be depended upon for time and eternity." We think few will dispute this view in the present day; but it should not be forgotton that Masonry has ever been and is still an invaluable hand-maiden of religion. He very properly condemns a mischievous combination called "Conservators," whose object is to obtain control of Grand Chapter, and force the adoption of their peculiar nostrums of ritual; "to drive from office all old masons who adhere to any other system; to depreciate and diminish their influence; to create jealousies and divisions amongst them, and to attack and drive them from all participation in the business and councils of the Craft." We trust the ramifications of these conspirators are not extensive; but in any case they should be dealt with firmly and taught a lesson of obedience never to be forgotten. His closing remarks are so very expressive and chastely couched, that we cannot omit reproducing them as a sample of the entire address: "As each revolving year brings with it the fulfilment of prophetic visions, old Masonry lifts her time-honored head, covered with the snows of nearly 5,000 years, and chants in harmony with the noble old songs of the illustrious patriarchs, prophets and apostles. Extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His name JAH. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God. Alleluia! Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, who briefly notices Canada for 1863, in the twelve Grand Chapter proceedings reviewed.

M. E. Comp. W. E. Robinson was elected G. H. P., and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

LOUISIANA.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Grand Lodge Hall, New Orleans, on the 14th February, 1865—M. E. Comp. H. R. Swasey, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. S. M. Todd, Grand Secretary. Two successive years had elapsed without Convocations being held, owing to the want of a quorum; and the one under notice had only six Chapters represented out of twenty-five on the roll. Returns from fifteen show six hundred and seventy-five members; two hundred and two exaltations; fifty deaths; and ten Chapters made no returns. Receipts, $1769.95.

The address of the G. H. P. relates solely to matters of local import, and the sad influence exerted by the civil war on the prosperity of Capitular Masonry for the time being. The deaths of several eminent Companions are alluded to in appropriate terms of regret, and memorial pages record their virtues. All the Chapters heard from are working regularly and progressing steadily, and the belief is expressed that the year will not pass over without a complete revival of all the Chapters in the jurisdiction.

A decision was given by the G. H. P. that an honorary member cannot hold office in a Chapter.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of proceedings from twenty-seven Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1863–64; but owing to the lengthened absence of two of its members, and other causes, no report was prepared. Comp. J. Q. A. Fellows is chairman.

The M. E. Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

MAINE.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Portland, on the 2nd May, 1864—M. E. Comp. J. J. Bell, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary. The thirteen Chapters in the State were all represented, and four under dispensation received warrants.—

They unitedly return eight hundred and seventy-seven members, and one hundred and ninety-nine exaltations. Ten years previously they had only eight Chapters, four hundred members, and ninety-seven exaltations. The steady increase is manifest. This Grand Body has a benevolent fund of $1482, the interest of which is applied to relief.

In his address the G. H. P. reports a number of official visitations and decisions. He holds that a Chapter under dispensation has no other members than those named in the document, and that none other are entitled to ballot. Also, that several Companions residing in Maine, who were exalted in New Brunswick Chapters working under Irish Warrants, are entitled to recognition as R. A. Masons. Though the invasion of the jurisdiction of Maine is apparent, he courteously waives all complaint, as the work was done in good faith, and the Chapters most concerned made no objection. Finding a growing desire to have Chapter degrees conferred sooner than one month from the reception of petitions, he recommends a fee being charged as a check, as well as to add to Grand Chapter revenue. A fee of $5 has accordingly been fixed. He reports the death of Comp. A. Shirley, Grand Secretary from 1830 to 1848, when loss of sight compelled him to resign. A memorial page records his worth, as also that of Comps. Chase and Coffin, both P. G. H. Priests, and the latter P. G. M. "at a time when anti-masonic violence scattered from our altars all who could not bear persecution."

The Committee on jurisprudence report, "that when a new Chapter is constituted and chartered, its members necessarily cease to be members of their original Chapters."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is an able review of the proceedings of seventeen Grand bodies; Canada for 1863 included. The extracts culled from our transactions are fraternally introduced, and a kind spirit pervades where exception is taken. Comp. Pearl is the talented Chairman.

M.E. Comp. A. J. Fuller was elected G.H.P., and R.E. Comp. Ira Berry, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Another Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the same city, on the 1st May, 1865—M.E. Comp. A. J. Fuller, G. H. P., presiding; and R. E. Comp. Berry, Grand Secretary. Every Chapter in the State (seventeen in all) was represented, and two under dispensation received warrants. The returns show eleven hundred and sixty-five members; two hundred and sixty-six exaltations, and eleven deaths. Receipts, $1,337, besides $1,491 in Charity Fund, with interest for relief, $112.95.

The G.H.P.'s address is confined solely to local matters. After felicitating his Companions on peace prospects, and deploring the assassination of their chief magistrate, he records the death of Comp. Cyril Pearl, for fourteen years chairman of the Maine Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through which his name has become familiar to every jurisdiction in America. The demise of this eminent Masonic reviewer is justly regarded as an irreparable loss; and, well knowing his worth, the Committee of condolence truly say:—

"His devotion to Masonry, and his ardent and unceasing labors to promote its prosperity, entitle him to a place in our most grateful remembrance. His pen was ever ready, and as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for so many years, he has achieved a national repute, and his death will be lamented in every Grand Chapter on this continent. He fulfilled from his earliest entrance upon the duties of life the apostolic injunction, 'be instant in season and out of season.' Words fail us to set forth a just appreciation of our loss. We can only bow in humble submission to this decree of the Grand High Priest above, consoling ourselves with the thought that our loss is his eternal gain."

As the deceased companion was well known to the Canadian Craft, having on several occasions visited our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, we feel certain that they will read this intimation, that he will no more mingle with us here below, with unfeigned regret. His works, however, survive him, and while they remain extant, the memory of Cyril Pearl will ever be dear to Royal Arch Masons.

To mark their appreciation of the eminent services of Most

Excellent Companion Albert G. Mackay, G. H. P. of the General Grand Chapter, the sum of three-hundred dollars was unanimously voted to him.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion Drummond, and covers the doings of fourteen Grand Chapters —Canada for 1864 included. It is brief, and instead of treating each jurisdiction separately as heretofore, the leading topics are summarised under general heads, and argued on their merits.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia was convened in the Masonic Hall, Baltimore, on the 14th of November, 1864,—M. E. Comp. J. L. Yeates, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. W. M. Smith, Grand Secretary. Eight chapters were represented out of ten on the roll; nine furnished returns, showing seven hundred and thirteen members, one hundred and eighty-four exaltations, and nine deaths. Receipts, $539 50.

A Special Convocation was also held on the third of the same month, to attend the funeral of the late Comp. Jas. Stirratt, P. G. K., at which resolutions of condolence were passed, deeply sympathising with his family in their bereavement.

The admirable address of the G. H. P. breathes a truly Masonic spirit in reference to their national troubles, and conveys the gratifying information that R. A. Masonry in this jurisdiction has flourished beyond all precedent, and is still moving onward and forward, expanding and spreading, with profit to themselves and advantage to the community. He says the resolutions requiring all candidates to prove their proficiency in preceding degrees before exaltation, has been strictly complied with, and the consequence is, that all who aid and assist in carrying on the work or go abroad, are in a position to do credit to their sources of light. He decides:

1. That a non-affiliated Master Mason cannot receive chapter degrees.

2. That one who had lost his arm in battle could not be exalted, though previously balloted for and accepted.

3. That conferring chapter degrees by *proxy* is a monstrous custom, and should not be entertained for a moment.

4. That the too common practice of calling off and resuming labor by proclamation, without regularly opening and closing in due form, is wrong and should be stopped; and,

5. That the general Grand Chapter having radically changed its constitution, Maryland is absolved from all obligations to it.

A general desire having been expressed in favor of forming a new Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia, a committee was appointed to confer upon what terms, if any, a separation can be accomplished, said committee to report to a special convocation, to be convened for the consideration of the report when ready.

No report was submitted by the committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which Comp. E. L. Stevens is chairman.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Freemason's Hall, Boston, on the 13th September, 1864—M. E. Comp. S. Thornton, G.H.P., presiding, and R.E. Companion T. Waterman, Grand Secretary. Seventeen Chapters were represented, out of twenty-eight in the jurisdiction. The returns show a very satisfactory state of things in membership and work, which have greatly increased since the previous year. The number of members are two thousand four hundred and sixty-nine; exaltations, six hundred and nine, or three hundred and nine more than in 1863. The state of their funds is not mentioned, nor are any other statistics given.

Reports of three quarterly meetings are also given, the doings at which were confined to matters of a routine nature, possessing no interest here.

No address was delivered by the G. H. P., at least none is published; but, to make up for its absence, an elaborate report on Foreign Correspondence appears from the pen of Companion

J. Kimball, who, in a kindly spirit, reviews the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters—Canada, for 1863, included. In introducing the report, he thus apprises us of a severe loss suffered by the fraternity, in the destruction of their handsome Hall and offices by fire :

"On the 6th of April, 1864, the Winthrop House, in the city of Boston, owned by the Grand Lodge of this State, in which were the beautiful Masonic apartments occupied by the several Grand and subordinate bodies meeting in the city,—was entirely consumed by fire. The valuable Masonic Library, consisting of upwards of one-thousand volumes—many of them of priceless value—its series of portraits of former Grand Masters, with all of the costly banners, regalia, and decorations owned by the various bodies, were entirely consumed. May it be the privilege of our brethren to behold ere long the commencement of another Temple, which shall stand as a monument of the architectural skill of the age in which we live, and worthy of the institution for whose service it shall be erected."

We sincerely sympathise with our Companions in their misfortune, and heartily endorse the wish that another temple, "more glorious and beautiful than the first," will soon rise on the ruins of the old building.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Detroit, on the 11th January, 1864—Most Excellent Companion B. Porter, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Companion J. E. Johnson, Grand Secretary. Twenty-nine Chapters were represented, being the full number on the roll, and three new ones received warrants. The returns show one thousand five hundred and ninety-four members, three hundred and ninety-nine exaltations, seven expelled, and twenty-one deaths. Receipts of year $1,513.

In his address, the G.H.P. alludes to the want of uniformity

in work in the subordinate Chapters, and suggests the propriety of adopting the ritual used by several old ones, or compelling all to use that authorized by Grand Chapter. We think the latter the more correct course. During the year the G. H. P. visited every Chapter in his jurisdiction except two, which doubtless operated very beneficially, and produced increased interest amongst the members. Were it possible to do the same in other jurisdictions, like advantages could be depended on. He thus reprehends the unmasonic custom of peddling so-called "keys to the work":—

"It pains me to bring to your notice a practice which has gained some prevalence in this State, of making a matter of barter and sale of what are termed *keys to the work.* I believe that this is done with no intention to wrong the Craft, or to lead it astray in forbidden paths; but such is the result, and already I find the evil creeping in and undermining some of our fairest temples. This should be checked, and if a Companion will so far forget his duty to the craft or his obligations to himself as to engage in this traffic, he should be met, first with remonstrance, and then with prohibition by this Grand body."

The G. H. P. closes his address with the following passage, which is commendable for its excellence and beauty:—

"During the year just closed, harmony has prevailed throughout our borders, while in other States discord and confusion have kept the workmen from the temple, and shattered those already reared. Within our own, willing hands and true hearts have united in building structures worthy of the royal art. The storm which has spread desolation over a portion of our union, has reached us only as the waves breaking on a distant shore; fragments of wrecks reaching us occasionally, but leaving us in the main untouched."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the action of twelve Grand bodies—Canada not included. In closing the report, they confidently hope to be soon again in fraternal communication with all their sister Grand Chapters; "that the *erring* may return to their duty, from which they have so *madly swerved,* and that peace, love and unity once restored, may

never again be dissevered." All true Royal Arch Masons will cordially re-echo this sentiment; but our Companions of Michigan should remember, in dealing with the *erring*, that "there be these three—faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is *charity*."

The Committee on "work" reported in favor of compelling all Chapters to adopt the Grand Chapter ritual, under penalty of losing their charters, for any violation of the rule. The Committee on "keys," reported against their circulation or sale, any infraction of which to be visited with suspension or expulsion. Both reports were adopted.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

Another Convocation of this Grand body was held in the same city on the 9th January, 1865, with the same Grand Officers in attendance. The entire thirty-two Chapters on the roll were represented, which is highly creditable to them, and strongly contrasts with the indifference to this duty shown by too many subordinates in other jurisdictions. Four Chapters are working under dispensation. The thirty-six return two thousand and seventy-two members; five hundred and forty-five exaltations; two expulsions, and thirty deaths. Receipts, $1,804.

The address of the G. H. P. is thoroughly practical, but relates almost entirely to local business and official acts. He declines re-election after three years service, and on retiring, receives cordial thanks for his ability and zeal, and $150 to cover expenses incurred in his visitations.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee review, in an able and candid manner, the proceedings of seventeen Grand Chapters —Canada for 1863–4 included. The records of Michigan are carefully collated and neatly printed.

M. E. Comp. E. Sprague was elected Grand High Priest, and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

MISSOURI.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was convened at St. Louis, on the 17th May, 1865. M. E. Comp. I. A. H. Lampton, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary. Thirteen Chapters were represented, out of twenty-two on the roll, and five made no returns. The statistics show eight hundred and thirty-four members; one hundred and seventy-four exaltations; two expulsions, and eleven deaths.

The address of the G. H. P. is so well conceived and beautifully written, that your Committee beg to submit the following copious extract, feeling that it pictures a state of things unfortunately too prevalent in other jurisdictions as well as Missouri:—

"The rites of Royal Arch Masonry pre-suppose a fitness for the Art, a zealous devotion to the tenets of our Order, and also considerable proficiency in the symbolic degrees. It is necessary to adhere strictly to these tests of eligibility in disseminating them, else, experience has abundantly taught us, a Babel of tongues and discord are the only results. Instead of scattering discord and confusion, it is the province of Masonry to build up in waste places, and 'make crooked things straight.' Laudable exertions to advance the interest of the Order may sometimes be misapplied, when the tendency is to increase the laborers at the risk of retarding the progress of the work. The structure may be grossly encumbered with material which will not stand the test of the square—fit only to be thrown aside amongst the rubbish. The prevailing desire should be, to *select* the BEST material, not to *collect* the greatest amount of it; to observe and preserve all that may be found worthy; and emulation should point to the enterprise of work *well done*, rather than to a *great deal of work*.

"In no branch of Masonry are duties more clearly defined, or more impressively illustrated, than in the Chapter degrees, and every well-informed and truly zealous Mason will understand that it is better to avoid the unworthy than peril the usefulness of the Order by indiscriminate extension. There are

now too many of its professors who cannot prove themselves Masons; ignorance of the work and lectures is painfully apparent, of which, very often only faded outlines linger in the memory of those who claim the right of visiting a Chapter—a most humiliating commentary on the profession of fervency and zeal which should characterize Companions. This originates from two causes—the cry of Chapters for *work*, and the rage of aspirants for *degrees;* too much work for the good of the Chapter, and more degrees than the recipient has time to digest, or the ability to comprehend. He is innocent of light and knowledge; makes all the capital he can for the money expended, and professes Royal Arch Masonry without having imbibed its first principles. The Chapter has had hard work; added a few dollars to its treasury, and sent an ignorant Mason abroad to cast reproach upon its labor whenever he applies to visit.

"The rage for Masonic mysteries was never more dangerous to the Order than at present; and the peril is enhanced by Masonic bodies themselves exhibiting a disposition to encourage this unhealthy and inordinate desire. It has become a mania, and, in some localities, the Order has become transformed into an asylum for the special treatment of the disease. The malady is *blindness;* the remedy *light;* but the hospital patient remains blind."

The G. H. P. also condemns in strong terms the "*roving commissions*, or Dispensations granted to certain Companions for the establishment of Military or Field Chapters." He says: "These Chapters move from one jurisdiction to another—first to Kentucky, next to Tennessee, then to Mississippi, as the armies advance, making Royal Arch Masons of citizens of Missouri and other jurisdictions, where, for the time, the regiment or brigade having this *roving commission* may be stationed. This is wrong, and an unauthorized invasion of jurisdictions having grand and subordinate Chapters of their own. There can be no possible excuse for such flagrant violation of all the laws of Masonic comity, and that brotherly regard which should influence the Companions of the several jurisdictions."

A Special Committee also reported on this subject, when it was unanimously

Resolved,—"That persons professing to have been made Royal Arch Masons in these Field or Military Chapters, should not be recognized as such by regular Companions of this jurisdiction; and that citizens of Missouri, so made, should be treated as clandestine, and dealt with accordingly."

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. O'Sullivan, who reviews the transactions of fourteen Grand Chapters—Canada, for 1864, included. He pays a flattering compliment to the Canadian report, and courteously summarises its contents. The opinion expressed by the G. H. P. of Kentucky, that "Masonry is not religion," is combatted with much ability, and powerful arguments are adduced in support of the opposite view. We regret our inability to quote these, as they well deserve reproduction, but space forbids it.

The condition of Capitular Masonry, in Missouri, is thus epitomised by the G. H. P.:—"Although it has not advanced much during the past year, it has stood firm and unshaken; its bond of faith has been held inviolate, and its sacred places respected."

M. E. Comp. T. E. Garrett was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Concord, on the 8th June, 1863. M. E. Comp. Samuel M. Wilcox, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. H. Chase, Grand Secretary. Seven Chapters were represented out of eight; and the returns show six hundred and sixty-seven members, and seventy-nine exaltations. The address of the G. H. P. mainly consists in the expression of his opinion in regard to the civil war; suggestions as to a regular visitation of subordinates by the Grand Council; hints in correction of irregularities in transacting business; and of a candid acknowledgment that the General Grand Chapter is a failure for all practical good, "the last ten years of its existence only producing wordy contention and strife too sharp and bitter to be Masonic."

No report appears from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. Edward W. Harrington was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary.

Another Annual Convocation of this Grand body was held in the same city, June 6th, 1864; the G. H. P., presiding. All the Chapters were represented. Total membership, seven hundred and thirty-two; exaltations, one hundred and four; receipts, $414.

The address of the G. H. P. is thoroughly practical, and treats of several subjects of much interest to his own jurisdiction. His remarks in reference to the attendance of those who have "wrought long in the quarries," are very opportune. Referring to one of his official visits, he says:—

"In May last I visited Washington Chapter, one of the oldest in the State, and found it, as it ever has been, harmonious and flourishing. The officers were well versed in their duties, and here also I found quite a number who had long wrought in the quarries. The presence of such, by their example and experience, is of great value and assistance to young and inexperienced Companions in every Chapter; and let us hope that those who have for many years trod the rough and rugged paths of life, may yet be long spared to bless us with their presence and instruct us by their counsel."

The R. E. G. K. reports visiting two Chapters officially, the officers of which were rather negligent. He thus alludes to the subject, and his remarks are so well-timed that your Committee hope they will not be perused in this jurisdiction without bearing good fruit:—

"I wish to record my earnest protest against the too frequent dependance upon and use of rituals during labor. No one should accept an office in any Masonic body who is unable or unwilling to devote the requisite attention to a thorough preparation for its

duties; nor should he shrink from occasional inconvenience, and sacrifice if necessary, rather than be absent from his station at regular or special meetings. This disregard of obligations, so often shown by officers of Chapters, in want of punctuality in attendance and proficiency in duties, gives our ancient institution more dangerous wounds in the house of its friends, than it is possible to inflict by its bitterest enemies."

The report on Foreign Correspondence by Comp. Chase, is an able digest of the doings of fifteen Grand Chapters; Canada, for 1863, included. Copious extracts are culled from the latter, and the introduction by Comp. Curtis is termed "eloquent, patriotic and fraternal." There is also given a synopsis of the proceedings of Pennsylvania, a jurisdiction from which we seldom receive tidings. From this we learn that they do publish an abstract, but so meagre, that it conveys little or no information of their progress. The report on Correspondence only gives the names of sister Grand Chapters and the time of their Annual Convocations. We hope they will send a copy of their next transactions to our Grand Scribe E.

The retiring Grand High Priest was re-elected, but declined serving, when M. E. Comp. J. R. Holbrook was chosen Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. H. Chase, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was convened in the Temple Hall, Albany, on the 2d February, 1864—M. E. Comp. D. A. Ogden, Grand High Priest, presiding, and R. E. Companion J. O. Cole, Grand Secretary. Ninety-one Chapters were represented, including four under dispensation, out of one hundred and seventy-seven on the roll, being little over half the number in the jurisdiction. The statistics show four thousand nine hundred and forty members, six hundred and seventy-nine exaltations, and $3,078 dues, besides $7,153 invested in stocks.

The address of the Grand High Priest is one of the best we have read, abounding in noble sentiments from beginning to end. We are glad to learn from it that "the past year has been one of unprecedent prosperity to the craft in the State, and that brotherly

love, charity, benevolence and fraternal regard has prevailed, increased and grown in strength, influence and power." Well may he use the following beautiful language, when the results are so inspiriting :—"These facts are both interesting and suggestive; they exemplify and test the value of Freemasonry. There must be excellence and virtue in an institution which, in the midst of events that strain the very foundations of social order, stands unharmed, and from its nature becomes an element of strength in upholding good government and sustaining law and order; and which also affords an asylum where brotherly love and kindness may be cultivated, its fruits enjoyed, and turmoil and strife be forgotten. Such an institution with such inherent virtues cannot fail to make its votaries better men and better citizens, and thus promote public happiness and public good."

In announcing the decease of the respected Comp. Wadsworth, for many years Grand Secretary, and the venerable Salem Town, Grand Chaplain for over half a century, the Grand High Priest pays a deserved tribute to their worth and integrity, and suggests that a monument be placed over their remains, to show that Masonic condolence is deeper and more heartfelt, than in mere name or empty resolutions.

Comp. White presented an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, covering the doings of fifteen Grand Bodies; Canada not included.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

Another Annual Convocation was held in the same Hall and City on the 7th February, 1865. M. E. Comp. D. A. Ogden, presided, and ninety-eight out of one hundred and ninety-two Chapters were represented. The returns from one hundred and four chapters show six thousand one hundred and fifteen members, and one thousand three hundred and eighty-three exaltations. Receipts, $6,325; invested $10,807.

The Grand High Priest's address is not quite so diffuse as the previous one, yet it is as ably written, and conveys much valuable information on the working of R. A. Masonry in the Empire

State. He records the same prosperity; and intimates that the effort to place a monument over the remains of Comp. S. Town, had resulted in $1,500 being subscribed for that purpose, to be expended under the superintendence of a joint Committee of Grand Lodge and Chapter.

The following resolution was adopted unaminously, and $3,000 appropriated from Grand Chapter funds, towards carrying out the laudable object in view:—

"That the erection of a Hall and establishment of an Asylum for the benefit of aged and indigent Masons, is a measure which strongly commends itself to the favorable consideration of this Grand Chapter, and is entitled to its cordial support."

A resolution was also passed requiring the attention of all subordinate Chapters to the subject, and requesting their contributions.

Comp. White again furnishes the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of sixteen Grand Bodies, Canada for 1863-64 included. There is an ability manifested in the preparation of this report highly commendable to its authors and creditable to the jurisdiction it hails from, both as regards soundness of reasoning and fullness of analyzation. The reviewer says of the Canadian report for 1864: "your Committee cannot but feel gratified by the expression of such sentiments, coming as they do from a foreign nation, giving sure evidence of international comity and good will."

M. E. Comp. Horace S. Taylor was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. J. O. Cole, re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held in the Masonic Hall, St. Albans, on the 5th of October, 1864; M. E. Comp. Gamaliel Washburn, Grand High Priest, presiding, and R. E. Comp. J. B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary. Twelve Chapters were represented out of thirteen on the roll; and no new ones reported. The total membership is given at nine hundred and six; no exaltations. Receipts, $316.

"The address of the Grand High Priest relates solely to home affairs. The continuance of the war is lamented; stable growth in subordinates is chronicled; the decease of five worthy Companions is appropriately announced; and the hope is expressed that Grand Chapter may conduct its labors with the accustomed harmony and with good results tc the craft generally. He closes a well-written paper thus:—

"While our ranks are being thinned by here and there a broken column, it becomes us to work while it is day, for soon the night of death will come wherein no man can work. May we be actuated by high and holy motives, dispensing that charity which suffereth long and is kind; for charity and prayer are the wings on which the soul flies to heaven. In all our mutual intercourse with mankind let us manifest, by our daily walk and deportment, that we are determined to follow and know the Lord, whom to know aright is life eternal."

An effort was made to secure concurrence in the permanent location of the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter; also, that they be held the day before the Grand Lodge meets; but on a vote, action was deferred for another year.

Comp. C. F. Dana submitted a concise report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of fourteen Grand Chapters, including Canada, for 1863, which is courteously treated and extracted from.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

In bringing their labors to a close, your Committee cannot omit expressing their satisfaction at the decided improvements visible in the proceedings that have passed under their notice. They refer more particularly—

1st. To the general increase in work and membership in nearly every jurisdiction.

2nd. To the improved tone and kindlier spirit pervading the various addresses of the chief officers in reference to their national troubles.

3rd. To the gratifying decline in legislation on many questions that had much better remain undisturbed and untinkered; and

4th. To the judicious determination shown to deal summarily with mercenary ritual peddlers, whose detestable rubbish should be spurned by all true craftsmen wherever offered for sale.

These healthful indications are bright harbingers of future good to our time-honored Order, the influence of which will be materially promoted by steadily following up the action so well begun. Let our rulers and companions never forget that Masonry, unlike the many ephemeral organisms which have briefly existed and then perished, needs not the same doctoring and manipulation—that it has withstood the shocks of ages, and the ruthless persecutions of bigotry and fanaticism; and that, as our venerated forefathers handed it down to us in purity and perfection, so should we jealously guard it from empirical innovation, and transmit it to the latest posterity in all its pristine grandeur. May this desire ever animate them, till at last we shall all convene together in the Grand Chapter above.

All which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
Chairman Committee For. Cor.

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND CHAPTER, CANADA,
Prescott, August, A. I., 2395.

SUSPENSION.

St. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 5, LONDON.

Arthur Wallace, N. P. D.

AT REST.

Comp. DUGALD McINNES.
" GEORGE C. CHALMERS.
THE HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 2, HAMILTON.

Comp. REV. R. FLOOD.
" PATRICK J. DUNN.
ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 5, LONDON.

Comp. HENRY B. HOPKINS, 4th July, 1864.
" DANIEL MURRAY, March, 1864.
KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, No. 8, TORONTO.

Comp. THOS. A. MULKINS, 1st January, 1865.
CATARAQUI CHAPTER, No. 12, KINGSTON.

Comp. WILLIAM BURNESS.
WAWANOSH CHAPTER, No. 15, SARNIA.

Comp. ZENAS REYNOLDS, 23rd April, 1864.
" EDWARD ROBINSON, 4th Nov., 1864.
DORCHESTER CHAPTER, No. 17, WATERLOO.

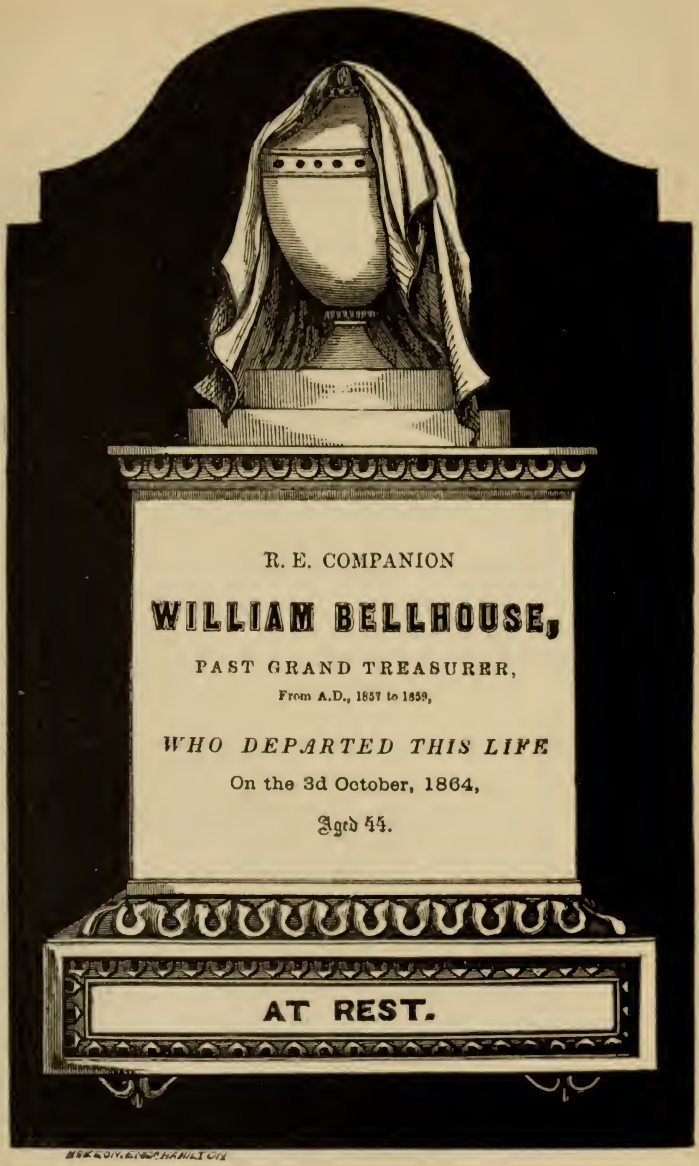
Comp. ORIN AVERY, 28th October, 1864.
OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, WOODSTOCK.

Comp. EDWARD BACON, 4th March, 1865.
GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT.

Comp. GEO. W. POWELL, 31st March, 1864.
" ISAAC LEMON, 2nd June, 1865.
EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23, SIMCOE.

Bro. F. DUTTON, Mark Master, 1st July, 1864
TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24, STRATFORD.

Comp. JOSEPH M. DESJARDIN.
" WILLIAM NOON.
MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 25, MONTREAL.


R. E. COMPANION
WILLIAM BELLHOUSE,
PAST GRAND TREASURER,
From A.D., 1857 to 1859,
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
On the 3d October, 1864,
Aged 44.
AT REST.

Returns of Subordinate Chapters,

RENDERED A. D., 1865.

No. 1.—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1795.

Stated Meetings—third Tuesday in Feb'ry, May, Aug't & Nov'r.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	S. D. Fowler,		Z
V. " "	Alex. S. Kirkpatrick,		H
" "	Geo. M. Wilkinson,		J
"	W. P. Phillips,	Scribe	E

Numbers of Members..... 43

No. 2.—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1820.

Stated Meetings—first Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John S. Henderson,		Z
" "	Joseph J. Curran,		H
" "	David Gillies,		J
"	James Gay, Jr.,	Scribe	E

Number of Members..... 46

No. 4.—ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1847.

Stated Meetings—third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.,

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	W. F. McMaster,		Z	No Returns since 1863.
V. " "	James Jackson,		H	
" "	John Paterson,		J	
"	James Bain,	Scribe	N	

Number of Members..... 87

No. 5.—St. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.
Established—A.D., 1854.

Stated Meetings—fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Nov.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Comp.	Thomson Wilson,	Z
" "	John B. Smyth,	H
" "	Thomas Westlake,	J
"	T. F. McMullen, Scribe	E

Number of Members 30

No. 6.—St. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.
Established—A.D., 1855.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	John W. Murton,	Z
" "	Benj. E. Charlton,	H
" "	James Richmond,	J
"	William Turnbull,	E

Number of Members 42

No. 7.—MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.
Established—A.D., 1856.

Stated Meetings—first Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	Marcellus Crombie,	Z
" " "	Edmond J. Sisson,	H
"	Donald Moodie,	J
"	F. G. Meacham, Scribe	E

Number of Members 64

No. 8.—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.
Established—A.D., 1857.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	James Adams,	Z
V." "	Samuel McConkey,	H
" "	Augustus T. Houel,	J
"	George R. Hamilton, Scribe	E

Number of Members 53

No. 9.—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1858.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	H. J Martin,	Z
" "	W. S. Foster,	H
" "	B. H. Steele,	J
"	C. H. Kathan,	Scribe E

Number of Members ..... 37.

No. 12.—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1850.—AFFILIATED, A.D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Monday in February, May, August and November.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	Henry Dumble,	Z
" " "	John V. Noel,	H
" "	John N. Glidden,	J
"	A. Finnemore,	Scribe E

Number of Members 21

No. 13—STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1854.—AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V.E. Comp.	Thomas Lambert,	Z
" "	Charles Joncas, jr.,	H
" "	Heber Budden,	J
"	William Budden,	Scribe E

Number of Members 65

No. 14.—BEDFORD DISTRICT CHAPTER, DUNHAM.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday preceding full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	David Browne,	Z	No Return since formation.
" "	Rev. Joseph Scott,	H	
" "	William M. Pattison,	J	

Number of Members 10

No. 15.—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.
ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V.E. Comp.	William M. Jamison,	Z
" "	Hugh Black,	H
" "	T. Blair Pardee,	J
"	E. R. Jones,	Scribe E

Number of Members 16

No. 16.—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.
ESTABLISHED A.D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday in March, June, Sept. & Dec.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	J. P. Featherston,	Z
" "	Henry A. Sims,	H
" "	Thomas C. Clarke,	J
"	Fred. Marett,	Scribe E

Number of Members 43

No. 17.—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, WATERLOO.
ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	H. L. Robinson,	Z
" "	W. A. Taylor,	H
"	W. J. Johnstone,	J
"	George H. Allen,	Scribe E

Number of Members 39

No. 18—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.
ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month

OFFICERS.

V.E. Comp.	George Forbes,	Z
" "	John Turquand,	H
" "	Jordan Charles,	J
"	Charles L. Beard,	Scribe E

Number of Members 29

No. 19.—MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES.
ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Wm. McGhie,		Z
" "	Samuel G. Dolson,		H
" "	Henry Carlisle,		J
" "	David Robeson, jr.	Scribe	E

Number of members 53

No. 20.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD.
ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	David Curtis,		Z
" "	G. W. Lethbridge,		H
" "	J. Taylor,		J
"	A. Robertson,	Scribe	E

Number of Members 21

No. 21.—CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL.
ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R.E Comp.	Alex. A. Stevenson,		Z
" " "	Isaac H. Stearns,		H
" "	Arthur R. Sowdon,		J
"	Francis M. Sowdon,	Scribe	E

Number of Members 39

No. 22.—GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT.
ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	William H. Brouse,		Z
" "	Alex. G. Macdonell,		H
" "	Richey Waugh,		J
"	Matthew Dowsley	Scribe	E

Number of Members 20

No. 23.—EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V.E. Comp.	John Clarke,	Z
" "	John Williamson	H
" "	John Wilson,	J

Number of Members 11

No. 24.—TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1863.

Stated Meetings—last Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	Charles Kahn,	Z
" "	Thos Matheson,	H
" "	Thos. Winter,	J
"	Thos. Miller,	Scribe E

Number of Members 33

No. 25.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

AFFILIATED—A. D., 1864.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

R.E. Comp.	Thos. Milton,	Z
" "	Henry Henderson,	H
" "	Robt. P. McGinnis,	J
"	J. T. M. Burnside,	Scribe E

Number of members 33

U.D.—ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1865.

Stated Meeting—second Wednesday of every month

E. Comp.	H. W. Delaney,	Z
" "	H. W. Day,	H
" "	W. Bleasdell,	J
"	Peter Begg,	Scribe E

Number of members 11

LIST OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS,

WITH THE

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England	Wm. Gray Clarke	London.
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Connecticut	E. G. Storer	New Haven.
Florida	John B. Taylor	Tallahassee.
Georgia	B. B. Russell	Augusta.
Indiana	William Hacker	Shelbyville.
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Iowa	W. B. Langridge	Muscatine.
Kentucky	Phillip Swiggert	Frankfort,
Louisiana	Samuel M. Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
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North Carolina	Thomas B. Carr	Wilmington.
Ohio	John D. Cadwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	T. McF. Patten	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Wm. H. Adams	Philadelphia.
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1865–6.

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" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	" Scribe E.	
" " "	Isaac H. Stearns,	" " N.	
" " "	Alex. S. Kirkpatrick,	" Principal Sojourner.	
" " "	John W. Murton,	" Treasurer.	
" " "	Edwin Goodman,	" Registrar.	
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" " "	S. McConkey,	" Sword Bearer.	
" " "	Geo. Smith,	" Standard Bearer.	
" " "	Angus Grant,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.	
" " "	R. A. Smith,	" Organist.	
" " "	Stanislaus H. Blondheim,	" Grand Pursuivant.	
" " "	W. B. Colby,	" Stewards.	
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" " "	Henry A. Sims,		
" " "	Jno. Clarke,		

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